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## *Preface*

DURING the past twenty-nine years I have tried to assemble a library which would contain a copy of every edition of each work written by Thomas Paine. Augmented by additional titles through the courtesy of other collectors, the present volume is a description of the various editions of *Common Sense*, a pamphlet which, more than any other factor, fomented the movement that established the Independence of the United States.

Although the material was thus gathered mainly from my own collection, I leaned heavily on the advice and collections of others and wish to record my gratitude to the following institutions and their hard-working staffs for their gracious cooperation: American Antiquarian Society; American Philosophical Society; Bibliothèque Nationale; Boston Public Library; British Museum; Brown University, John Carter Brown Library; Columbia University Libraries; Detroit Public Library, Burton Historical Collection; Free Library of Philadelphia; Harvard University, The Houghton Library; Historical Society of Pennsylvania\*; Henry E. Huntington Library; Indiana University, The University Libraries; Lancaster County Historical Society; Library of the Boston Athenaeum; Library Company of Philadelphia; Library of Congress; The Library, University of Liverpool; Massachusetts Historical Society; Massachusetts State Library; New York Historical Society; New York Public Library\*; New York State Library; The Newberry Library; Norwich Public Library; Pennsylvania State Library; Stanford University Library; State Historical Society of Wisconsin; Thomas Paine National Historical Association; University of Edinburgh Library; Uni-

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*New Haven, Conn.*

*January 9, 1956.*



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# *INTRODUCTION*

AN ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLICATION



## *Introduction*

THOMAS PAINE, using the pseudonym “Common Sense” in his “The [American] Crisis No. VII,” appearing on November 12, 1778, in the *Pennsylvania Packet*, relates:

It was my fate to come to America [November 30, 1774] a few months before the breaking out of hostilities [April 19, 1775, Battle of Lexington]. I found the disposition of the people such, that they might have been led by a thread and governed by a reed. Their suspicion was quick and penetrating, but their attachment to Britain was obstinate, and it was, at that time, a kind of treason to speak against it. They disliked the Ministry, but they esteemed the nation. Their ideas of grievance operated without resentment, and their single object was reconciliation. Bad as I believed the Ministry to be, I never conceived them capable of a measure so rash and wicked as the commencing of hostilities; much less did I imagine the nation would encourage it. I viewed the dispute as a kind of law-suit, in which I supposed the parties would find a way either to decide or settle it. I had no thoughts of independence or of arms. The world could not then have persuaded me that I should be either a soldier or an author. If I had any talents for either they were buried in me and might ever have continued so, had not the necessity of the times dragged and driven them into action. I had formed my plan of life, and conceiving myself happy, wished every body else so. But when the country, into which I had but just set my foot, was set on fire about my ears it was time to stir. It was time for every man to stir.

Paine “stirred” by writing *Common Sense*.



THE MULTIPLICITY of editions of *Common Sense*, all printed in Philadelphia in the year 1776, some without date, have caused much bibliographical confusion. The story of Paine's quarrel with Robert Bell, the original publisher of *Common Sense*, will cast some light on these vexing problems.

When the historic year 1776 began, Philadelphia was the largest and most flourishing city of the American Colonies. It was publishing six newspapers, as well as the only magazine printed in America. All had "Pennsylvania" as part of their title. There was no daily paper, the nearest approach being the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, which appeared every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. To reach the large German population of the city, the German newspaper *Pennsylvanischer Staatsbote* was published every Tuesday and Friday. The other newspapers appeared only once a week, the *Pennsylvania Packet* on Mondays, both the *Pennsylvania Gazette* and *Pennsylvania Journal* on Wednesdays, and the *Pennsylvania Ledger* on Saturdays. The *Pennsylvania Magazine* was published monthly. In that day newspapers usually consisted of four pages, the greater part of which was given over to advertisements. An article was often broken into several installments, with continuations appearing weeks later or not at all.

Having been editor of the *Pennsylvania Magazine* for a period of six months in the early part of 1775, Paine was familiar with the publications of Philadelphia. In June 1775, during this editorship, he had accepted from Dr. Benjamin Rush, professor of chemistry at the College of Philadelphia (absorbed in the University of Pennsylvania in 1791), an article on the manufacture of saltpeter, the lack of which ingredient of gunpowder was causing grave concern to the colonists about to take up arms. Paine, too, was studying this subject, and together with a Captain Thomas Pryor published in the *Pennsylvania Journal*, on November 22 and December 6, 1775, "Experiments made since Friday last by Capt. Pryor and Mr. Thomas Pain, for the purpose of fixing some easy, cheap, and expeditious method of making Salt-Petre in private Families, in order to shew the practicability of a plan, proposed by Mr. Pain of forming a Salt-Petre Association for voluntarily supplying the public Magazines with Gun-powder."

(This was the first time his name had appeared in print and he spelled it, as always before, "Pain." The ridicule stemming from the connotations of the word may have been the reason he never used this spelling again.) Samuel Loudon reprinted Paine's article in New York, 1776, as one of the *Essays upon the Making of Salt-Petre and Gun-Powder*.

Paine had written *Common Sense* to appear as a series of letters in the newspapers; but when the lengthy manuscript was completed, he realized that continuity was vital to the work and abandoned the idea of newspaper publication. Pamphlet form having been decided upon, Paine accepted the recommendation of Dr. Rush to engage Robert Bell as a publisher. Bell, a Scotsman, had been ten years in this country and at thirty-four was five years younger than Paine. Besides running a prominent book store and being a printer and publisher, he was famous as a book auctioneer. His witty and droll remarks attracted customers, and many said that attending his book auctions was as good as witnessing a play.

In 1772 Paine had published in England *The Case of the Officers of Excise . . .*, a petition to both houses of Parliament to raise the pay of excisemen. Although the pamphlet appeared anonymously, his authorship was discovered, and this was probably a factor in his dismissal as an exciseman. Now, Paine, taking better care to keep his anonymity secure, used a trusted go-between, possibly Captain Thomas Pryor, his collaborator on the saltpeter article, to approach Robert Bell.

The go-between arranged to have the agreement for publication put in writing. It called for the printing of one thousand copies and a division of profits equally between the anonymous author and Mr. Bell. If there should be any loss, the author was to make it good. Bell fixed the price of *Common Sense* at two shillings the copy, a price Paine thought high enough to encourage Bell to circulate it vigorously. The wholesale price was eighteen shillings a dozen, as shown by entries in Robert Aitken's "Wastebook," now owned by the Library Company of Philadelphia. Aitken, a Philadelphia bookseller and publisher of the *Pennsylvania Magazine*, purchased two dozen on January 10, two dozen on January 15, one dozen on January 17, and two dozen on January 22. Paine planned in any



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- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs.
- IV. Of the present Ability of America, with some miscellaneous Reflections.

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Man knows no Matter save creating HEAVEN,  
Or those whom choice and common good ordain.

THOMSON.

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PHILADELPHIA;

Printed, and Sold, by R. BELL, in Third-Street.

MDCC LXX VI.

Title page to the first issue of the first edition (see Check List CS-1)

# COMMON SENSE;

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MDCC LXX VI.

A recently manufactured title page, pretending to be the first issue of the first edition of *Common Sense*. It has been found replacing the title page of a third edition of the work, with fraudulent intent (see Check List CS-1, Note A)



# COMMON SENSE;

*Timothy*

ADDRESSED TO THE

*Mallack*

## INHABITANTS

*Samuel*  
*Isaac R. Hall*

O F

## A M E R I C A,

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Before the first edition was exhausted, changes were made, one of which slightly affected the title page; the hyphenated word "miscellaneous," which was split on lines 12 and 13, was placed entirely on line 13.

Title page of the second issue of Bell's first edition (see Check List CS-2)

event to contribute his own share of the profits to the cause of independence.

Since *Common Sense* was intended as a reply to the King's speech from the throne, Paine, knowing when Parliament was meeting in London, planned to have it come out at about the time the speech might be expected to arrive in America. He was lucky enough to have both his first advertisement and the text of the King's speech appear in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* on the same day, January 9, 1776. This advertisement for *Common Sense* read:

THIS day was published, and is now selling by Robert Bell, in Third-street (price two shillings) COMMON SENSE addressed to the INHABITANTS of AMERICA, on the following interesting SUBJECTS.

I. Of the origin and design of government in general, with concise Remarks on the English constitution.

II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession.

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Or those whom choice and common good ordain.

THOMSON.

Bell promoted the sales by additional advertisements, some in other newspapers, and the pamphlet was an instantaneous success. The demand for additional copies kept increasing so rapidly that a new edition was soon called for. Paine was obviously delighted with its enthusiastic reception and decided to strengthen his work by adding an appendix, as well as an answer to a recently published tract entitled *The Ancient Testimony and Principles of the People Called the Quakers* . . . concerning the Quaker meeting on January 20, 1776. These additions ("Appendix" and "Address to the Quakers") eventually lengthened the original manuscript by more than one-third; to prevent confusion it is hereafter referred to as the Enlarged Version.



Learning of the disaster met by the Colonial forces battling before Quebec and of the heroic death of General Montgomery, Paine quickly decided to give his share of the profits of *Common Sense* for the purchase of mittens for the troops going into that cold campaign. So sure was he of profit that he named two gentlemen, Colonel Joseph Dean and Captain Thomas Pryor, to audit Bell's accounts, collect the money, and buy the mittens.

The argument between Paine's go-between and Mr. Bell must have begun early. Although most newspapers carried something about the resulting feud in their advertising columns, it is seen first and best in the columns of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, from which the following account of the quarrel is chiefly drawn. When Colonel Dean and Captain Pryor called on Bell, they were apparently surprised to find that after figuring his costs there were no profits to divide. This seemed impossible to Paine's representatives, who estimated that the anonymous author's share of the profits from the first edition should have been at least thirty pounds. Unless Bell paid them this amount, so that they might buy the mittens for the troops, they threatened to seek a new publisher. Bell was further informed that the author was making important additions to *Common Sense* and that Bell should not proceed to reprint it until these were ready.

The bookseller not only maintained his stand that there were no profits, but ignoring threats went ahead without any authority from the anonymous author to advertise on both the 20th and 23d of January in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*: "A NEW Edition of COMMON SENSE is just published, and now selling by Robert Bell in Third-street, Philadelphia." In spite of these advertisements it is fairly clear that the new edition was not actually off the press.

The announcement had the opposite effect from that which Bell had anticipated. Far from compelling Paine to continue publishing with him, it ended all chance for agreement between them, for Paine had properly intended using the words "new edition" to describe his Enlarged Version, and here was Bell advertising a "new edition" without possessing any of the new material.

The argument now began in earnest. Paine decided to go ahead with a new



publisher and to cut the price of the Enlarged Version in half, feeling that the lower price of one shilling would give it much wider circulation among the masses of people whom he was anxious to influence. William and Thomas Bradford, publishers of the *Pennsylvania Journal*, agreed to be Paine's new publishers. In order to make all possible haste, they farmed the job out to two printers, Benjamin Towne, publisher of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, and Styner and Cist, a newly organized printing firm which, specializing in German, was already employed in bringing out an edition of *Common Sense* in the German language (see Check List CS-16). Each firm agreed to print three thousand copies as rapidly as possible. Paine paid for these himself and had them delivered to the Bradfords at 8½*d.* each.

Although the Bradfords' edition was far from ready, it was felt advantageous to publish an advance notice in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* on Thursday, January 25. This doubtless completed the break with Bell. The words following "To the PUBLIC" must have been Paine's:

In the press, and will be published as soon as possible, and sold by W. and T. Bradford at the London Coffee-house, Philadelphia, a new edition of COMMON SENSE, addressed to the inhabitants of America, with large and interesting additions by the author, as will be expressed at the time of publication, among which will be a seasonable and friendly admonition to the people called QUAKERS.

#### To the PUBLIC.

The encouragement and reception which this pamphlet hath already met with, and the great demand for the same, hath induced the publisher of the first edition to print a new edition unknown to the author, who expressly directed him not to proceed therein without orders, because that large additions would be made thereto; wherefore the new edition, lately advertised by the printer of the first, is without the intended additions.

That which is now in the press, and which, by appointment of the author, will be sold as above, and at such other places as will be mentioned at the time of advertising, will, notwithstanding the additions, be reduced to one half of the price of the former edition, with allowance to those who take quantities, in order to accommodate it to the abilities of every man.

Several hundreds are already bespoke, one thousand for Virginia  
A German edition is likewise in the press.

In this same issue appeared an advertisement by Robert Bell with a wise change in the description of *Common Sense* to "The Second Edition" rather than "new edition." This was easy since it was not yet off the press. Bell's hope for reconciliation, however, was destroyed by the Bradfords' own advertisement for a new edition in the same issue.

Bell announced on Saturday, January 27, in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, that his "Second Edition" was off the press and indicated that he had learned something concerning the identity of the anonymous author, since his title page carried the addition: "Written By an Englishman." This eliminated the talk around town that the author of the dramatic best seller was Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, or one of various other Americans. As late as April 1778 the real author of the celebrated pamphlet *Common Sense* was unknown in France. A French translation of the greater part of this pamphlet in *Affaires de l'Angleterre et de l'Amérique*, No. 4 (Antwerp [Paris], 1776), 35-87, a periodical devoted to propaganda, attributed the authorship "à un fameux proscrit M. Adams . . ." When John Adams reached France, he had with some embarrassment to deny that he was the famous author Mr. Adams. He added that the famous Adams was Samuel Adams, a remark which only convinced the French people that he was modest.

More important was the fact that to his advertisement Bell added a vitriolic address giving his side of the case:



## AN ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLICATION

### To the PUBLIC.

In the Evening Post of last Thursday, an author, without a name, hath asserted absolute falsehoods; he saith he gave directions and orders to the publisher of the first edition not to proceed. As soon as the printer and publisher discovered the capricious disposition of the ostensible author, he disclaimed all future connexion, and by the publication of a second edition, which he advertised in a news paper, immediately declared his desirable independence from the trammels of catch-penny author-craft, whose cunning was so exceeding great as to attempt to destroy the reputation of his own first edition, by advertising intended additions before his earliest and best customers had time to read what they had so very lately purchased. Robert Bell, printer and publisher both of the first and second editions, neither heard nor received any orders not to proceed, therefore these assertions must be far from truth. Said Bell farther saith, if he had either heard or received any such directions or orders, he would most certainly have treated them immediately with that contempt which such unreasonable, illegal, and tyrannic usurpations over his freedom and liberty in business deserved.—When Mr. ANONYMOUS condescendeth again to puff his pamphlet (the imaginary triumph of which he hath not equanimity enough to bear without rendering himself ridiculous) and to reduce a price which himself had a share in making, his brother bookseller, who scorneth duplicity in business or sentiment, wisheth he may find out a more eligible mode of proving his attachment to generous principles than to lay the foundations of his generosity in the despicable ebullitions of dishonest malevolence.

N.B. . . .

Bell evidently kept careful track of the printing of the Bradfords' Enlarged Version, because in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* of January 30 he criticized the forthcoming Bradfords' edition by adding to his former advertisements (which were now so long as to occupy a column) these additional lines:

57520 *Paul*  
**COMMON SENSE;**

*By Thomas Paine*  
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Title page of Bell's second edition (see Check List CS-3)



But the public may be certain, that the new edition [Bradford's] which is yet in the press, for smallness of print and scantiness of paper, when compared with Bell's second edition, which is out of the press, will resemble it in figure and utility as much as a British shilling in size and value resembleth a British half-crown.

In this same issue appeared the Bradfords' big retaliatory advertisement, for it was now necessary to tell the complete story. The Bradfords' advertisement likewise required a full column, alongside Bell's advertisement; the matter added at the end was written by Paine:

The author, for the sake of relieving the anxiety of his friends, maketh the following declaration——That he first intended the above work to have been printed in a series of letters in the news-papers, but was dissuaded therefrom, on account of the impossibility of getting them generally inserted——That he knew nothing of Robert Bell, who was engaged to print it by a gentleman of the city, and who can but be concerned for the unpleasant situation in which he hath, though from a well meaning motive, involved his friend——That he hath neither directly, nor indirectly, received, or is to receive, any profit or advantage whatsoever from the edition printed by Robert Bell——That over and above the expense of printing, which was to be paid whether the work sold or not, he gave to this noisy man one half of the profits thereof, amounting to upwards of thirty pounds, as a present for the trouble he might be at, as the author did not intend to take any on himself, or mean to be known; and that, when the news of our repulse at Quebec arrived in this city, he gave the other half, with an order for the payment thereof, together with said Bell's written promise for the same, into the hands of two gentlemen (whose names are left at the bar of the London Coffee-house, and who will authenticate the assertions contained herein) for the purpose of purchasing mittens for the troops ordered on that cold campaign.

The said gentlemen have not yet been able to settle with Robert Bell according to the conditions of his written engagement. The account which he hath delivered in not appearing to them equitable; and which, if he do not perform within the course of this week, he will be sued for the same, &c. This is all the notice that will ever be taken of him in future.

The arguments on both sides were now in print in the same issue of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*. But Bell, still anxious to have the last word, could not resist a long counterblast which appeared in the next issue of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* on February 1:

TO MR. ANONYMOUS.

I SUPPOSE you took the field, without telling your anxious friends where you were going—weak man—they ought to forgive you. Feeble author—yourself did not know, that the humble *Provedore* to the *Sentimentalists* was able to follow.—Neither did you know, that the public could despisingly laugh at the folly of the foster-father author, who wantonly, and maliciously, dragged the real bookseller into the unwished for field of public altercation. I do actually sympathise with the superior secret author, who had the misfortune to pitch upon so imprudent an ostensible author. With proper deference (to him, as yet unknown) he had better constituted Robert Bell, bookseller, sole godfather of his pamphlet. I hope he thinks so now. When he again wants an accomplished accoucher, perhaps he and I may get acquainted. Excuse this start of assurance (for the public knoweth, as a book auctionier, I am remarkable for my excessive modesty) because it is your ill-timed attack that constrained me to acquire it. You say you wanted to remain unknown (prudence dictated the thought in speculation) but, in practice, yourself telling it in every beer-house, gives the direct LIE to the assertor of such a falsehood. On the sale of the pamphlet, your head being whirligigged by imaginary importance, you got your eye upon PUBLIC MONEY, and you were immediately self-constituted



treasurer. It was certainly very shallow and impolitic to give the public money so early away, without convincing them he had some more merit than mere noise as a claim upon it. If the public should ever be so unfortunate as to elect you, the treasury will soon be emptied. All the noisy fellows in the world would then run after you; and to silence their noise, you would freely give away other people's money. Perhaps you are a pupil of Bute's (for Scotsmen have sometimes taught Englishmen) compassionately come over to superintend the American treasury, upon his Scottish plan of public prodigality and extravagance being very confident with private parsimony and selfish economy.

As to your boasted intentional generosity—Poverty and pride have long been supposed to be altogether monopolized by a certain starved nation—Being a determined enemy to all monopolies, it much rejoiceth me to see a self-conceited Englishman putting in for a large share of that dirty monopoly.—Honestly and industriously attempt to pay your debts, as I do, for I would not be that unreasonable hypocrite to bid another practise what I did not do myself; that done, you and I may then with proper eclat turn generous, and call the astonished world to wonder and gaze at the disinterested generosity of the Would-be-Author and the real Bookseller—But in the meantime, between you and me, to lift such a powerful band of brave auxiliaries as a number of ANXIOUS FRIENDS, and all the MILITARY MEN who wanted MITTENS, with a still more formidable and unvanquishable BODY IN RESERVE under the cover of litigious and malevolent LAW SUITS, and to arrange them in battle array is certainly too many against one industrious Bookseller, who never asked or received any thing from the public without giving an equivalent, a poor individual who neither attempteth nor wisheth for more FRIENDS than the rectitude of his conduct in business, and in the affairs of society, shall both gain and retain.

To CONCLUDE, your taking the public field was bad, because there was no foundation for it, unless envy be allowed a good one—Your management of the fight and precipitate flight was worse—and final exit (as you say) worse

and worse.—So ingloriously to desert the standard, which yourself had erected, was cowardly—Almost similar to a rascally PUPPY who, with open mouth, runs snarling and barking at an honest manly DOG, whose notice is attracted by the yelpings of the illnatureD CUR, and deigneth only to return it by a few looks and words of stern contempt; with which the wretched reptile is so efficaciously frightened, that with ears hanging, and tail dangling, he scampereth away, from a conscious fear, that if he did stay, he would most certainly be kicked off the ground.

N.B. When R. Bell publisheth the additions, and giveth them gratis to all the purchasers of the first and second editions of Common Sense, he will then with all humility and consistency apologize to the respectable bar of the public for his encroachments; they at present are requested to remember a press-warrant was issued for his attendance.

He hath just as much common sense left as yet to spare a little to those who are volunteers in giving two shillings for the second edition.

The want of equity in Bell's bill of expences, exhibited to the assignees of the nameless author, was, he had only charged one penny each for stitching one thousand pamphlets, containing eleven thousand different half sheets to be folded, gathered, pressed, and collated, which goeth through the artists hands five different times before the pamphlet can be ready for the public—A charge so very moderate that several booksellers declared the work done was worth double the money.

However, for that very reasonable charge, one of said assignees would not settle the account—And I have not yet learned the necessity of forcing money upon those who are not willing to receive it.

The next issue of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, Saturday, February 3, again displayed the entire back page covered with repeat advertisements of the rival publishers. Furthermore, the first page was given over to an article referring to *Common Sense*, signed Candidus (James Chalmers?), which Bell was later to



## The PENNSYLVANIA EVENING POST.

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Mr. TOWNE,

**W**HEN the little pamphlet intitled COMMON SENSE first made its appearance in favor of that so often abjured idea of independance upon Great-Britain, I was informed that no less than three gentlemen of respectable abilities were engaged to answer it. As yet I have seen nothing which directly pretends to dispute a single position of the author. The oblique essay in Humphreys's paper, and solemn Testimony of the Quakers, however intended, having offered nothing to the purpose, I shall take leave to examine this important question, with all candor and attention, and submit the result to my much interested country.

Dependance of one man, or state, upon another, is either absolute, or limited by some certain terms of agreement. The dependance of these colonies which Great-Britain calls *constitutional*, as declared by act of Parliament, is absolute. If the contrary of this be the bugbear so many have been declaiming against, I could wish my countrymen would consider the consequence of so stupid a profession. If a limited dependance is intended, I would be much obliged to any one who will shew me the *Britanno-American Magna Charta* wherein the terms of our limited dependance are precisely stated. If no such thing can be found, and *absolute* dependance be accounted inadmissible, the sound we are squabbling about has certainly no determinate meaning. If any say we mean that kind of dependance we acknowledged at and before the year 1763; I answer, *vague and uncertain laws, and more especially CONSTITUTIONS*, are the very instruments of slavery. The magna charta of England was very explicit, considering the time it was formed, and yet much blood was spilt in disputes concerning its meaning.

Besides the danger of an indefinite dependance upon an undetermined power, it might be worth while to consider what the characters are on whom we are so ready to acknowledge ourselves dependant. The votaries for this idol tell us, upon the good people of our Mother Country, whom they represent as the most just, humane, and affectionate friends we can have in the world. Were this true, it were some encouragement; but who can pretend ignorance that these just and humane friends are as much under the tyranny of men of a reverse character as we should be, could those miscreants gain their ends? I disclaim any more than a mutual dependance on any man, or number of men upon earth; but an indefinite dependance upon a combination of men, who have, in the face of the sun, broken thro' the most solemn covenants, debauched the hereditary, and corrupted the elective guardians of the people's rights, who have, in fact, established an absolute tyranny in Great-Britain and Ireland, and openly declared themselves *competent to bind the Colonists in all cases whatsoever*: I say indefinite dependance on such a combination of *usurping innovators* is evidently as dangerous to liberty, as fatal to civil and social happiness, as any one step that could be proposed, even by the *destroyer of men*. The utmost that the honest party in Great-Britain can do, is to warn us to avoid this dependance at all hazards! Does not even a Duke of Grafton declare the ministerial measures illegal and dangerous? And

shall America, no way connected with this administration, press our submission to such measures, and reconciliation to the authors of them? Would not such pigeon hearted wretches equally forward the recal of the Stuart family, and the establishment of Popery throughout Christendom, did they conceive the party in favor of those loyal measures the strongest? Shame on the men who can court exemption from present trouble and expence, at the price of their own and posterity's liberty! The honest party in England cannot wish for the reconciliation proposed. It is as unsafe to them as to us, and they thoroughly apprehend it. What check have they now upon the crown, and what shadow of control can they pretend, when the crown can command fifteen or twenty millions a year, which they have nothing to say to? A proper proportion of our commerce is all that can benefit any good man in Britain or Ireland, and God forbid we should be so cruel as to furnish bad men with power to enslave both Britain and America. Administration has now fairly dislevered the dangerous tie: Execrated will he be by the latest posterity who again joins the fatal cord! But say the puling pusillanimous cowards, we shall be subject to a long and bloody war, if we declare independance. On the contrary, I affirm it the only step that can bring the contest to a speedy and happy issue. By declaring independance, we place ourselves on a footing for an equal negociation: Now we are called a pack of villainous rebels, who, like the St. Vincents Indians, can expect nothing more than a pardon for our lives, and the sovereign favor, respecting freedom and property, *to be at the King's will*. Grant Almighty God that I may be numbered with the dead before that fable day dawn on North-America!

All Europe knows the illegal and inhuman treatment we have received from Britons: All Europe wishes the haughty empress of the main reduced to a more humble deportment. After herself has thrust her Colonies from her, the maritime powers cannot be such ideots as to suffer her to reduce them to a more absolute obedience of her dictates than they were heretofore obliged to yield. Does not the most superficial politician know that while we profess ourselves the subjects of Great-Britain, and yet hold arms against her, they have a right to treat us as rebels, and that according to the laws of nature and nations no other state has a right to interfere in the dispute? But on the other hand, on our declaration of independance, the maritime states at least will find it their interest, which always secures the question of inclination, to protect a people who can be so advantageous to them. So that those short sighted politicians, who conclude that this step will involve us in slaughter and devastation, may plainly perceive that no measure in our power will so naturally and effectually work our deliverance. The motion of a finger of the Grand Monarch would procure as gentle a temper in the Omnipotent British Minister as appeared in the Manilla ransom and Falkland islands affairs. From without certainly we have every thing to hope, nothing to fear; from within, some tell us the Presbyterians, if freed from the restraining power of Great-Britain, would overrun the peaceable Quakers in this government. For my own part, I despise and detest the bickerings of sectaries, and am appre-



hensive of no trouble from that quarter, especially while no peculiar honors nor emoluments are annexed to either. I heartily wish too many of the Quakers did not give cause of complaint, by endeavoring to counteract the measures of their fellow citizens for the common safety. If they profess themselves only pilgrims here, let them walk through the men of this world without interfering with their actions on either side. If they would not *pull down Kings*, let them not *support tyrants*; for whether they understand it or not, there is, and ever has been, an essential difference in the characters.

Finally, with M. De. Vattel, I account *a state a moral person, having an interest and will of its own*, and I think that state a monster whose prime mover has an interest and will in direct opposition to its prosperity and security. This position has been so clearly demonstrated in the pamphlet first mentioned in this essay, that I shall only add, if there are any arguments in favor of returning to a state of dependance on Great-Britain, that is on the present Administration of Great-Britain, I could wish they were timely offered, that they may be soberly considered, before the cunning proposals of the cabinet set all the timid, lazy and irresolute members of the community into a clamor for *peace at any rate*.

#### CANDIDUS.

From the London Public Advertiser, of Octo. 5, 1775. The following lines were spoken extempore by an American lady, on hearing that the *conquering hero* was on his passage home to England.

FROM Boston comes the frightened Cow,\*  
The ruins left to hapless HOWE!  
CLINTON, a Russ in mind and body,  
Is almost drown'd in Boston toddy;  
BURGOYNE, like Wedderburne or Meredith,  
Is seeking self through Britain's very death.  
Earl PERCY there, as well as here,  
The ladies think is very QUEER!  
They give him tea and keep him warm,  
For surely HE can do no harm.  
O PUTNAM, WARD, and martial LEE!  
The fairest best wishes are for ye,  
The guardians of dear LIBERTY!

\* It is observable that she has never got over the panic with which she was struck at Braddock's defeat on the Monongahela! But at all appearances of danger, her hair is observed to rise and stand an end! This is not a fault, but it is a very great misfortune.

#### NEW BURY-PORT, Jan. 19.

On Monday last a brigantine from Ireland, of about ninety tons, — Engs, master, owned by Lewis Gray, an enemy to the rights of America, laden with provisions for the use of the ministerial army at Boston, was taken and brought into this port. The particulars of her cargo are as follow, twenty-nine tierces, eighteen barrels and thirty-one half-barrels of best beef; one hundred and fifty firkins and seventy-two casks of butter; sixty-four firkins, one barrel and ten half-barrels of tongues; ten puncheons of claret wine; one tierce, eleven barrels and nine half barrels of best pork; eight puncheons of oats, two firkins of lard, nineteen kegs of tripe, two casks of peas, and one hundred and nine hampers of potatoes.

Likewise, on the same evening, a ship from London, burthen about two hundred tons, — Bowie, master, owned at London, out twelve weeks, with the following articles on board, intended for the same use as the brig's cargo, viz. fifty-

two children of coals, eighty-six butts and thirty hogheads of porter, twenty hogheads of vinegar, sixteen hogheads of four krou, and twenty-three live hogs.

In the above brig came passengers, Mr. John Gray, son to Harrison Gray, Esq; of Boston, and a regular officer, who, together with the Captain, were yesterday sent to Cambridge.

#### CAMBRIDGE, January 25.

Last Saturday a vessel, filled with our distressed brethren of Boston, put off from that place, and landed her passengers at Chelsea, among whom were Captain Andrew Synimes, and Captain John Dean.—It is said a considerable number more were soon to follow.

Last Friday General Clinton, with a considerable number of grenadiers and light infantry, sailed from Boston, and were supposed to be bound to Virginia.

We hear that the enemy, the evening on which our troops burnt the houses at Charlestown, were entertaining themselves at the exhibition of a play, which they called the Blockade of Boston; in the midst of which a person appeared before the audience, and with great earnestness declaring, that the Yankies were attacking Bunker's-hill, the deluded wretches, at first, took this to be merely farcial, and intended as a part of their diversion; but soon convinced that the actor meant to represent a solemn reality, the whole assembly left the house in confusion, and scampered off with great precipitation.

Since our last we have had several deserters. One of them, stationed at Charlestown mills, pitched his companion over the dam, and then ran for Cobble-hill.

Last Thursday one of our cruisers, commanded by Captain Mascoll, carried into Cape-Ann a ship of about two hundred and fifty tons. She was from Lynn-Haven, in England, bound to Boston, and had on board, besides other valuable articles, fifteen hundred blankets, one hundred bolts of oznaburgs, one hundred casks of oatmeal, a large number of shoes, and a quantity of coal.

#### NEW-YORK, February 1.

This day the Members of Assembly for this city and county are to be elected.

A letter from Montreal, dated the 15th ult. informs, that the blockade of Quebec is still continued.

#### PHILADELPHIA, February 3.

A London article says, "The lady of General Carleton, just arrived from Canada, is sister to Earl Effingham, and niece to the late Beckford of immortal memory."

Extract of a letter from an officer in the expedition on Long-Island, dated at Jericho, Jan. 26, 1776.

"We set out from Woodbridge, on Wednesday the seventeenth instant, with about six hundred militia, and were joined at New-York with a detachment from Lord Sterling's battalion, consisting of near three hundred; and on Friday morning, we crossed with all our troops at Horn's-Hook, near Hell-Gate, and met with no opposition; proceeded on our way to Jamaica, took in custody some of the principal persons proscribed, sent out parties and brought in many of those who voted against sending delegates, disarmed them, and required them to sign an obligation we had drawn up, in which we enjoin them not to oppose either the Continental or Provincial Congresses, but to be subject to them, and not to aid or assist the ministerial troops in the present contest. From Jamaica we went to Hempstead town, where we expected the warmest opposition, but were disappointed, for the inhabitants came in and brought in their arms voluntarily for



two days, as fast as we could conveniently receive them. We have got about three hundred stand of arms, and a considerable quantity of powder and lead. We are now on our way to Oyster-Bay, and shall scour the country as we go, and shall exert ourselves to discharge the trust enjoined on us. Colonel Heard sent the detachment home last Tuesday, as he thought the militia sufficient. He is indefatigable in discharging his duty, treats the inhabitants with civility and the utmost humanity, and even the delinquents express themselves well pleased, that a detachment of Jersey men (and not of New-England) were sent to disarm them. Many of those who are proscribed as principals, have either fled or secreted themselves, several we have in custody. Some others I believe are yet to be had, but by some means or other they have had a list of the persons pointed out as principals, before our arrival; we are making enquiry how they got their intelligence, but are not yet informed. Those that have come in, and surrendered their arms, are much irritated with those who have led them to make opposition, and have deserted them in the day of difficulty. I conceive they will be as safe, if not safer in our custody, than at present among their neighbours, of which some of them seem very apprehensive, and complain that they have met with insults already."

**T**HE subscribers to the Philadelphia society for the relief of distressed prisoners are requested to meet at the court house, on Wednesday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to elect twelve Managers and a Treasurer, and as they hope for the countenance and assistance of their fellow citizens, they have thought proper to publish their articles of association, which are as follow :

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, taking into consideration the sufferings of a number of our fellow creatures, who are unfortunately from time to time confined in jail, as well criminals as debtors, and being impressed with an earnest sympathy for their miseries, do agree to associate together, and form ourselves into a company by the name of the PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR ASSISTING DISTRESSED PRISONERS; and the more effectually to carry our design into execution, we adopt the following rules :

I. In order to begin a stock, we will immediately pay into the hands of \* \* \* the sum of ten shillings, to be held by them until a Treasurer shall be appointed agreeable to the next resolve.

II. When the number of subscribers shall amount to forty, we will meet together and choose by ballot twelve Managers and a Treasurer, which said Managers shall make inquiry into the particular cases of actual sufferers, and afford such relief in food, physic, firing or raiment as the stock will admit of, and they shall judge expedient.

III. The Treasurer shall give bond to the twelve Managers, in the sum of one hundred pounds, for the faithful performance of his office.

IV. When any difficulties arise, in which the Managers want advice or assistance, we will, on notice thereof being given, attend as many of us as can at such time and place as the said Managers shall appoint, and use our utmost endeavors to promote the good of the institution.

V. The Managers shall meet together the last Saturday in every month, at such house or place as they may agree on, and when met, seven shall make a board, a majority of whom shall determine on all matters relative to the institution.

VI. Two of the Managers so chosen shall by rotation visit the jail, at least once a week, and administer such relief as they shall think necessary.

VII. On the first Monday of September, in every year, there

shall be a new election of twelve Managers and a Treasurer, to be held at such place as the old Managers shall direct, of which they shall give one week's previous notice in the public papers.

VIII. The old Treasurer shall then deliver up all the monies, effects and papers belonging to the Society, unless he should be reappointed, in which case he shall renew his bond.

IX. Every person paying into the Treasurer's hands ten shillings on or before the said day of election in every year, shall be deemed a Member of the said Society, and entitled to vote or be voted for.

X. The Managers shall keep minutes of their proceedings, and their accounts shall lay open for the inspection of the electors at the place of election.

XI. If on inquiry into the present laws of the province, respecting prisoners, they should be thought insufficient, or to want additions or alterations, we will use our endeavors with the House of Assembly, either by petition or application, to remedy the same.

XII. The sums hereby subscribed, and the donations which may be made to this institution, shall be wholly applied towards the comfort and support of such as are in absolute want, and by no means be employed in paying prison fees or obtaining discharges. The design of this institution being only to alleviate some of the miseries which are the general attendants on jails.

**L**OST or mislaid, on Thursday afternoon, a **THIRTY DOLLAR CONTINENTAL BILL**, No. 4746, as near as can be remembered. Whoever gives information thereof to the printer, so as it may be recovered, shall receive abundance of thanks, and be otherways handsomely rewarded.

**A** YOUNG WOMAN wants a place, who works well at her needle, is willing to take care of children, and can be well recommended. Inquire of the printer.

Cheltenham, January 26, 1776.

**T**O be SOLD, by private sale, a plantation situate in Cheltenham township, Philadelphia county, within about nine miles of Philadelphia, adjoining a road leading from Germantown to Abington, not quite a mile from the Old York road, near several meetinghouses of different denominations, and various merchant mills. There are near fifty-six acres of good land, ten acres of which are good meadow well watered by a never failing stream, that runs through the whole tract, about ten acres of well timbered woodland, and the rest good arable land. There are upon the premises, a good dwelling house, with two rooms upon a floor, good barn and stables, an excellent orchard, and a new stone spring house erected over a never failing spring, which is near the dwelling house. The payments may be easy to the purchaser. For terms apply to the subscriber, who lives on the premises.

STEPHEN HALL.

N. B. Possession may be had on or before the first of April.

**J**EREMIAH BAKER, at the sign of Noah's Ark, the upper end of Front-street, takes this opportunity of acquainting his friends and customers, that he has laid in a stock of **HARE'S BEST AMERICAN DRAUGHT PORTER**, which he intends serving in its greatest purity, and hopes for a continuance of the favours of his former customers, and the public in general, which shall be gratefully acknowledged.

**S**EVERAL SUMS of MONEY to be lent on good real security, by **MATTHLW CLARKSON**.



OUT of the press, and now selling by Robert Bell in Third-street (price two shillings)

The SECOND EDITION of  
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Addressed to the inhabitants of America, on the following interesting SUBJECTS.

I. Of the origin and design of government in general, with concise remarks on the English constitution.

II. Of monarchy and hereditary succession.

III. Thoughts on the present state of American affairs.

IV. Of the present ability of America, with some miscellaneous reflections.

WRITTEN BY AN ENGLISHMAN.

Man knows no master save creating Heaven,  
Or those whom choice and common good ordain.

THOMSON.

To the PUBLIC.

In the Evening Post of last Thursday, an author, without a name, hath asserted absolute falsehoods; he saith he gave directions and orders to the publisher of the first edition not to proceed. As soon as the printer and publisher discovered the capricious disposition of the ostensible author, he disclaimed all future connexion, and by the publication of a second edition, which he advertised in a news paper, immediately declared his desirable independence from the trammels of catch-penny author-craft, whose cunning was so exceeding great as to attempt to destroy the reputation of his own first edition, by advertising intended additions before his earliest and best customers had time to read what they had so very lately purchased. Robert Bell, printer and publisher both of the first and second editions, neither heard nor received any orders not to proceed, therefore these assertions must be far from truth. Said Bell farther saith, if he had either heard or received any such directions or orders, he would most certainly have treated them immediately with that contempt which such unreasonable, illegal, and tyrannic usurpations over his freedom and liberty in business deserved. When Mr. ANONYMOUS condescendeth again to puff his pamphlet (the imaginary triumph of which he hath not equanimity enough to bear without rendering himself ridiculous) and to reduce a price which himself had a share in making, his brother bookfeller, who scorneth duplicity in business or sentiment, wisheth he may find out a more eligible mode of proving his attachment to generous principles than to lay the foundations of his generosity in the despicable ebullitions of dishonest malevolence.

N. B. Burgh's Political Disquisitions, 3 vol. with great variety of new and old books, may be had at Robert Bell's, next door to St. Paul's church, Third-street, Philadelphia. Also, as soon as possible, these intended additions to his present second edition of Common Sense, and then the price shall be as cheap as possible. But the public may be certain, that the new edition which is yet in the press, for smallness of print and scantiness of paper, when compared with Bell's second edition, which is out of the press, will resemble it in figure and utility as much as a British shilling in size and value resembleth a British half-crown.

Philadelphia, January 30, 1776.

**I**RISH SNUFF manufactured (agreeable to the receipts of the most approved makers of that article in Ireland) by Edward Jollie in Union-street, within two doors of Second-street, Philadelphia; where likewise may be had fine SCOTS SNUFF, on the most reasonable terms.

In the press, and will be published as soon as possible, and sold by W. and T. Bradford at the London Coffee-house, Philadelphia,

A NEW EDITION OF  
**COMMON SENSE,**

Addressed to the inhabitants of America, with large and interesting additions by the author, as will be expressed at the time of publication, among which will be a seasonable and friendly admonition to the people called QUAKERS.

To the PUBLIC.

The encouragement and reception which this pamphlet hath already met with, and the great demand for the same, hath induced the publisher of the first edition to print a new edition unknown to the author, who expressly directed him not to proceed therein without orders, because that large additions would be made thereto; wherefore the new edition, lately advertised by the printer of the first, is without the intended additions.

That which is now in the press, and which, by appointment of the author, will be sold as above, and at such other places as will be mentioned at the time of advertising, will, notwithstanding the additions, be reduced to one half of the price of the former edition, with allowance to those who take quantities, in order to accommodate it to the abilities of every man.

Several hundreds are already bespoke, one thousand for Virginia

A German edition is likewise in the press.

The author, for the sake of relieving the anxiety of his friends, maketh the following declaration—That he first intended the above work to have been printed in a series of letters in the news-papers, but was dissuaded therefrom, on account of the impossibility of getting them generally inserted—That he knew nothing of Robert Bell, who was engaged to print it by a gentleman of the city, and who can but be concerned for the unpleasant situation in which he hath, though from a well meaning motive, involved his friend—That he hath neither directly, nor indirectly, received, or is to receive, any profit or advantage whatsoever from any part of the said work printed by Robert Bell—That over and above the expence of printing, which was to be paid whether the work sold or not, he gave to this noisy man one half of the profits thereof, amounting to upwards of thirty pounds, as a present for the trouble he might be at, as the author did not intend to take any on himself, or mean to be known; and that, when the news of our repulse at Quebec arrived in this city, he gave the other half, with an order for the payment thereof, together with said Bell's written promise for the same, into the hands of two gentlemen (whose names are left at the bar of the London Coffee-house, and who will authenticate the assertions contained herein) for the purpose of purchasing mittens for the troops ordered on that cold campaign.

The said gentlemen have not yet been able to settle with Robert Bell according to the conditions of his written engagement. The account which he hath delivered in appearing to them to be defective upwards of fourteen pounds; and which, if he do not perform within the course of this week, he will be sued for the same, &c. This is all the notice that will ever be taken of him in future.

PHILADELPHIA: Printed by BENJAMIN TOWNE, in Front-street, near the London Coffee-House.



use in his *Large Additions to Common Sense* (see Check List CS-5). This issue of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* is reproduced to give the reader a clearer picture of the extensive space occupied by the controversy.

Both sides seem to have been satisfied for the moment, since the next number of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, February 6, contained nothing by either publisher, although it did carry a short poem referring to the controversy. This was signed A. B., a favorite pseudonym of Francis Hopkinson, who seems at this time not only to have known the Christian name of the author of *Common Sense* but also to have taken up the cudgels on behalf of Mr. Bell.

Mr. TOWNE,

By inserting the following lines, you will oblige several of your subscribers.  
A.B.

TOM mounted on his sordid load,  
And bawling, d—n ye, clear the road;  
His shovel grasp'd firm in his hands,  
Which far and near the street commands,  
No hardy mortal dares approach,  
Whether on horseback, foot, or coach;  
None in his wits the risque would choose,  
Who either wears a coat or nose.  
So——in pomp, on Billingsgate,  
His arms display'd in burlesque state;  
Scurrility and impudence,  
Bombast and Bedlam eloquence,  
Defiance bids——to COMMON SENSE.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLICATION

The Bradfords' long heralded Enlarged Version edition by the author of *Common Sense* was advertised first by the Bradfords in their own newspaper, the *Pennsylvania Journal*, on February 14. It reads:

THIS DAY WILL BE PUBLISHED AND SOLD, BY  
WILLIAM & THOMAS BRADFORD,  
(Price One Shilling only.)—THE NEW EDITION OF  
COMMON SENSE,

Addressed to the INHABITANTS OF AMERICA.

With several Additions in the Body of the Work: To which is added an APPENDIX, and an Address to the Representatives of the People called QUAKERS. N.B. This Edition contains upwards of one-third more than any former one.

Bell's plan of attack on the Bradfords' edition was exceedingly clever. He not only was going to pirate the additional material ("Appendix" and "Address to the Quakers") contained in the Bradfords' Enlarged Version, but also evidently was planning to add much larger sections on similar topics by other writers, and these combined additions to *Common Sense* he would sell for the small price of one shilling. The articles not by Paine, collected from the local newspapers, were:

1. "The American Patriot's Prayer," unsigned. From the *Pennsylvania Ledger*, December 23, 1775 (there titled "The PATRIOT'S Prayer"), and various almanacs as early as 1760.\*
2. "American Independancy defended," by Candidus (James Chalmers?). From the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, February 3, 1776 (untitled).
3. "The Propriety of Independancy," by Demophilus. From the *Pennsylvania Packet*, February 12, 1776 (untitled).

\*See Caroline Hogue, "The Authorship and Date of 'The American Patriot's Prayer,'" *American Literature*, 2 (1930), 168-72.

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N. B. The New Addition here given increases the Work upwards of one Third.

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Man knows no Master save creating HEAVEN,  
Or those whom Choice and common Good ordain.  
THOMSON.

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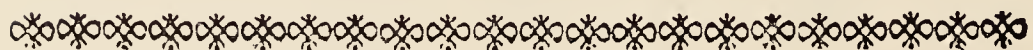
PHILADELPHIA PRINTED.

And sold by W. and T. BRADFORD.

The title page to the Bradfords' first edition, the first to contain Paine's Enlarged Version (see Check List CS-10, CS-11, CS-12, CS-13, all having similar title pages), bore no date



# COMMON SENSE.



Styner and Cist half title (CS-10)



# COMMON SENSE.



Benjamin Towne half title (CS-11)

The portions of the Bradfords' edition printed by each printer can be distinguished by examining the half titles above.



4. "A Review of the American Contest . . . ,” by a Friend to Posterity and Mankind. From the *Pennsylvania Packet*, February 12, 1776 (titled "To all PARENTS in the THIRTEEN UNITED COLONIES.").
5. "Letter to Lord Dartmouth,” by an English American. From the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, February 10, 1776 (titled "To the Right Honorable Lord DARTMOUTH . . .”)
6. "Observations on Lord North’s Conciliatory Plan,” by Sincerus (Samuel Adams?). From the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, February 13, 1776 (untitled).

Bell worked so fast that on February 17 he inserted this advertisement in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*:

On Monday morning will be published, by ROBERT BELL, in Third-street, price one shilling ONLY, with allowance to those who buy quantities,

ADDITIONS TO COMMON SENSE.

I. American Independancy defended by Candidus.

II. The Propriety of Independancy, by Demophilus.

The dread of tyrants, and the sole resource

Of those that under grim oppression groan. Thomson.

III. A review of the American contest, with some stricture, on the King’s speech, addressed to all parents in the Thirteen United Colonies, by a Friend to Posterity and Mankind.

IV. Letter to Lord Dartmouth, by an English American.

V. Observations on Lord North’s Conciliatory Plan, by Sincerus. To which is added, and GIVEN,

AN APPENDIX TO COMMON SENSE, together with an ADDRESS to the people called QUAKERS, on their Testimony concerning Kings and Government.

N.B. The large edition of COMMON SENSE, with all the Additions and Appendix, may be had at said Bell’s in Third-street.

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THOMSON.

III. A Review of the American Contest, with some  
Strictures on the King's Speech. Addressed to all  
Parents in the Thirteen United Colonies, by a  
Friend to Posterity and Mankind.

IV. Letter to Lord Dartmouth, by an English American

V. Observations on Lord North's Conciliatory Plan,  
by Sincerus.

TO WHICH IS ADDED AND GIVEN

An Appendix to Common Sense; Together with an Ad-  
dress to the people called Quakers, on their Testimony  
concerning Kings and Government, and the present  
Commotions in AMERICA.

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P H I L A D E L P H I A :

Printed, and Sold, by R. B E L L, in Third-Street.

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MDCCLXXVI.

On the 20th of February Bell's *Large Additions to Common Sense* was ready.  
Title page to the first issue of the first edition of *Large Additions* (see Check  
List CS-5)

It is interesting to note that in this advertisement Bell was not selling but giving away Paine's "Appendix" and "Address to the Quakers," and thus making good, at least in his opinion, the promise made in his previous advertisement in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* of February 1.

In his haste Bell had omitted to mention, either in his advertisement of February 17 or on the title page just shown, "The American Patriot's Prayer," which had been included and was printed on the verso of the title page. This was noticed in time for him to correct it in his advertisement on February 20 in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*; it reads:

Just printed, published, and now selling by ROBERT BELL, in Third-street, price one shilling ONLY, with allowance to those who buy quantities, Large ADDITIONS to COMMON SENSE. Addressed to the inhabitants of America on the following interesting subjects.

I. The American Patriot's Prayer.

II. American Independancy defended by Candidus.

III. The Propriety of Independancy, by Demophilus.

The dread of tyrants, and the sole resource  
Of those that under grim oppression groan. THOMSON

IV. A review of the American contest, with some strictures on the King's speech, addressed to all parents in the Thirteen United Colonies, by a Friend to Posterity and Mankind.

V. Letter to Lord Dartmouth, by an English American.

VI. Observations on Lord North's Conciliatory Plan, by Sincerus. To which is added, and GIVEN,

AN APPENDIX TO COMMON SENSE, together with an ADDRESS to the people called QUAKERS, on their Testimony concerning Kings and Government.

N.B. The large edition of COMMON SENSE, with all the Additions and Appendix, may be had at said Bell's in Third-street.



L A R G E  
A D D I T I O N S  
T O

C O M M O N S E N S E ;

ADDRESSED TO THE INHABITANTS OF AMERICA,  
ON THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING SUBJECTS.

I. The American Patriot's Prayer.

II. American Independancy defended, by Candidus.

III. The Propriety of Independancy, by Demophilus.

The dread of Tyrants; and the sole resource  
Of those that under grim Oppression groan.

THOMSON.

IV. A Review of the American Contest, with some  
Strictures on the King's Speech. Addressed to all  
Parents in the Thirteen United Colonies, by a  
Friend to Posterity and Mankind.

V. Letter to Lord Dartmouth, by an English American.

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TO WHICH IS ADDED AND GIVEN

An Appendix to Common Sense; Together with an Ad-  
dress to the people called Quakers, on their Testimony  
concerning Kings and Government, and the present  
Commotions in AMERICA.

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P H I L A D E L P H I A :

Printed, and Sold, by R. B E L L, in Third-Street.

MDCCLXXVI.

Corrected title page of the second issue of the first edition of Bell's *Large Additions to Common Sense* (see Check List CS-6)

Bell was apparently swamped with orders, for *Common Sense* as well as for the *Large Additions to Common Sense*. According to Isaiah Thomas' *The History of Printing in America*, "There was a scarcity of paper; all the broken quires of paper in Bell's warehouse were collected and culled for the first impression." An examination of the first impression (CS-1) does not corroborate this statement. Thomas may have referred to the subsequent reprinting by Bell of both *Common Sense* and the *Large Additions to Common Sense* (CS-8), which is found on rough and cheap papers. This combined edition has two titles, the first one reading *Common Sense: . . . Written by an Englishman*, and at the bottom of page 44 is the catch word "LARGE." The second title, which occurs on [page 45] without an imprint, reads "*Large Additions to Common Sense;*" and this section ends on page 77.

Unfortunately, the first part with its title, *Common Sense*, and bearing Bell's imprint of 1776, has in the past frequently been erroneously regarded as the first edition of *Common Sense*. The clue to its date of publication, which was around the end of February 1776, is found in the catch word "LARGE" already referred to, at the bottom of page 44, which is the lead word of the second title page. Perhaps Bell's advertisement on February 20 describes this edition, though it has some earmarks which might place it earlier. The signs that it followed immediately after the second edition are that "Written by an Englishman"—later dropped—appears on the title page and that Paine's postscript of February 14, 1776, was not printed at the end of the introduction. On the other hand, the listings of six subjects, rather than five, in the "Large Additions" which were published as part of it, would indicate that it was later than February 17.

Paine was disturbed by the thought that he might be considered the author of part or all of Bell's *Large Additions to Common Sense*. Despite his statement in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* on January 30 that "This is all the notice that will ever be taken of him [Bell] in future," he insisted that the Bradfords insert at the end of their next advertisement, which appeared in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* of February 20, the following:

**COMMON SENSE:**  
**ADDRESSED TO THE**  
**INHABITANTS**  
**OF**  
**A M E R I C A,**  
**On the following interesting**  
**S U B J E C T S.**

- I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general  
with concise Remarks on the English Constitution.
- II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession.
- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs.
- IV. Of the present Ability of America, with some miscellaneous  
Reflections.

Written by an **ENGLISHMAN**.

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Man knows no Master save creating HEAVEN,  
Or those whom choice and common good ordain.  
THOMSON.

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**P H I L A D E L P H I A,** Printed.

And Sold by R. BELL, in Third-Street, 1776,

The first title (see Check List CS-8) of Bell's combined edition of *Common Sense* and *Large Additions*, which had no general title page but instead two separate titles



L A R G E  
A D D I T I O N S  
T O  
C O M M O N S E N S E ;  
Addressed to the Inhabitants of AMERICA,

On the following interesting Subjects.

I. The American Patriot's Prayer.

II. American Independency defended, by Candidus.

III. The Propriety of Independency, by Demophilus,

The dread of Tyrants, and the sole resource  
Of those that under grim Oppression groan.

THOMPSON.

IV. A Review of the American Contest, with some  
Strictures on the King's Speech. Addressed to all  
Parents in the Thirteen United Colonies, by a  
Friend to Posterity and Mankind.

V. Letter to Lord Dartmouth, by an English American.

VI. Observations on Lord North's Conciliatory Plan,  
by Sincerus.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

An Appendix to Common Sense :

Together with an Address to the People called Quakers;  
on their Testimony concerning Kings and Government,  
and the present Commotions in AMERICA.

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# Befunde Sernunft

an die

## Einwohner von America,

über folgende wichtige Gegenstände :

- I. Von dem Ursprung und der Absicht der Regierung überhaupt, mit kurzen Anmerkungen über die Englische Landesverfassung.
- II. Von Monarchie und Erbfolge.
- III. Gedanken über den gegenwärtigen Zustand Americanischer Angelegenheiten.
- IV. Von der jetzigen Stärke von America, mit einigen vermischten Betrachtungen.

N e b s t

Einem Anhang, und einer Zuschrift an die Repräsentanten des Volks, das den Namen Quäker führet.

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Der Mensch kennt keinen Herrn, als Den, der ihn erschuf,  
Und die, die er sich selbst, zum Wohl des Staates, gab.

Thomson.

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Aus dem Englischen übersezt.

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Philadelphia,

Gedruckt bey Melchior Steiner und Carl Cist, in  
der Zwenten-Strasse. 1776.

The German translation, printed, published, and probably translated by Styner and Cist, was announced in the German-language newspaper, *Pennsylvanischer Staatsbote*, on January 23, 1776, as being "in the press," and the advertisement of February 23 announced: "just came out and next Monday [February 26] will have . . ." It was priced at one shilling apiece, or nine shillings a dozen. Title page of the first translation into the German language of *Common Sense* (see Check List CS-16)



☞ The Pamphlet advertised by Robert Bell intituled ADDITIONS to COMMON SENSE, or by any other Name he may hereafter call it, consist of Pieces taken out of News Papers, and not written by the Author of COMMON SENSE.

This last paragraph of the Bradfords nettled Bell to the extent that he decided once more to assault the anonymous author in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* on February 22, in what became his final attack. Bell thought so much of this address that he had it separately printed as a two-page leaflet and added it, as an integral part, to his "complete" edition of *Common Sense* . . . *Also the Large Additions* (see Check List CS-9). It reads:

ROBERT BELL, Bookseller, to the Public.

Self-defence against unjust attacks needs no apology. BELL.

THE pamphlet of large ADDITIONS to Common Sense, containing several excellent pieces, written by some worthy and respectable citizens of Philadelphia, are in the opinion of some gentlemen, who are good judges of literary merit, thought worthy of preservation, in such manner as to bind with other pamphlets in an octavo volume.—Those that think as they do, will buy, and those who do not think in that manner, will let them alone.

The judicious and discerning have perception sufficient to observe this, without the unnecessary intervention of the Foster-Father-Author's optics (whose self-imagined importance hath swelled him into contemptible consequentiality) and the Provodore to the Sentimentalists doth not PRINT decent EDITIONS for such ignoramus's as Lord Dunmore's NEGROES.

The envious Mr. ANONYMOUS, the shadow of an author, with his murdering MASK and his DARK LANTHORN, fully equipped for the ruffian business of assassination (like unto a villanous THIEF, whose voracious cravings for PREY constrain him to forget the fears which forced him so lately to scamper away) hath once more crept into the field to ROB and to DESTROY the reputation of authors, whose literary abilities OUT-SHINE his, as far as the blaze of a torch OUTSHINETH the glimmering of a candle.—



Beside their superior talents in literature, they have thereto added (in his eyes) another most grievous offence by their not employing him as a go-between, that he might thereby have an opportunity to insinuate there is no WRITERS in America but the would-be-author of Common Sense.—This stolen applause he is avariciously attached unto, although he certainly knoweth the ticklish tenure of such usurped reputation—For if he possessed only a small share of internal honesty, he would be constrained to cry out in the emphatick words of the poor Israelite, who lost the hatchet—ALAS! FOR IT WAS BORROWED.

P.S. The judicious part of the public know that the ostensible author was, and still is, the aggressor, yet the real bookseller, who hateth dissimulation, giveth the following true KEY to the whole dispute.—

This Amanuensis to a group of authors, on seeing the manly fortitude with which R. Bell printed his name on the title of the flaming production, to sound the depths of the multitudes for a virtuous and glorious independancy; and afterwards beholding the success of the sale and of the sentiment, he immediately formed the ungrateful design of jockeying the Printer, who had to please the author, and serve the cause done fifty pounds worth of work for the small price of twenty pounds, and at the same time formed the disgraceful intention to circumvent the real bookseller, by whose knowledge in business the pamphlet was made respectable.—Upon the bookseller's discovering these shameful veerings, he laid immediate hold on the indubitable MAXIM in the law of retaliation, which he holdeth to be as invulnerable, in the practice of the world, as the law of self-defence, and therefore determined to outjockey if possible.

The bookseller's success in this manoeuvre was so exceeding galling to the ingrate GO BETWEEN, who first made the vicious attempt, that to be convicted and foiled at his own weapons was more than his capricious disposition was able to sustain. He immediately fell into a fit of illnatured, ostentatious, and pretended generosity, which would most certainly have carried him to Bedlam or a p——n, had he not in the midst of his debasement recollected it

## AN ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLICATION

was not yet quite impossible for him to arise again, by touching public money, and to attain to be the MASSANELLO among authors and booksellers, at least for one DAY.

N.B. Robert Bell, in Third-street, continueth to sell to all who are capable of making proper distinctions, the large edition of Common Sense with ALL the additions and improvements; also the appendix, and address to the Quakers COMPLETE.

Thus the acrimonious quarrel, which had lasted nearly a month, ended as it had begun, in the columns of the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*. It doubtless helped to make Paine's *Common Sense* the most discussed and most widely circulated pamphlet in America.

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# COMMON SENSE;

WITH THE WHOLE

A P P E N D I X,

THE

A D D R E S S

TO THE

Q U A K E R S;

ALSO, THE

LARGE ADDITIONS

C O M P L E T E.

[PRICE THREE SHILLINGS.]

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Bell's "complete" edition (see Check List CS-9) was advertised in *Plain Truth* (CS-207) and in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* of March 19, "Lately printed, published, and now selling by ROBERT BELL, in Third-street (Price Three Shillings) the third edition, in large print, of COMMON SENSE, with the whole Appendix, the Address to the Quakers, also the LARGE ADDITIONS COMPLETE." It was even more than complete, for one finds Paine's postscript dated February 14, 1776, not only printed at the bottom of the second page of the introduction, but also repeated in full on page [120]. This shows it was made up from pamphlets formerly sold independently. It had a general half title and four title pages. This is the general half title.



# COMMON SENSE;

WITH THE WHOLE

## A P P E N D I X:

THE

A D D R E S S

TO THE

Q U A K E R S:

ALSO, THE

## LARGE ADDITIONS,

A N D

A Dialogue between the Ghost of General Montgomery,  
just arrived from the Elysian Fields; and an American  
Delegate in a Wood, near *Philadelphia*:

On the Grand Subject of

A M E R I C A N I N D E P E N D A N C Y.

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P H I L A D E L P H I A:

Printed, and Sold, by R. BELL, in Third-Street.

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The general title page found in Bell's "complete" edition (see Check List CS-9)

# COMMON SENSE;

ADDRESSED TO THE

## INHABITANTS

O F

## A M E R I C A,

On the following interesting

### S U B J E C T S.

- I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general,  
with concise Remarks on the English Constitution.
- II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession.
- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs.
- IV. Of the present Ability of America, with some  
miscellaneous Reflections.

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THE THIRD EDITION.

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Man knows no Master save creating HEAVEN,  
Or those whom choice and common good ordain.

THOMSON.

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PHILADELPHIA;

Printed, and Sold, by R. BELL, in Third-Street.

MDCCLXXVI.

The second title page found in Bell's "complete" edition (see Check List CS-9), which when found separately constitutes Bell's third edition of *Common Sense* (see Check List CS-4)

L A R G E  
A D D I T I O N S  
T O

C O M M O N S E N S E ;

ADDRESSED TO THE INHABITANTS OF AMERICA,  
ON THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING SUBJECTS.

- I. The American Patriot's Prayer.
- II. American Independancy defended, by Candidus.
- III. The Propriety of Independancy, by Demophilus.  
The dread of Tyrants, and the sole resource  
Of those that under grim Oppression groan.  
THOMSON.
- IV. A Review of the American Contest, with some  
Strictures on the King's Speech. Addressed to all  
Parents in the Thirteen United Colonies, by a  
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dress to the people called Quakers, on their Testimony  
concerning Kings and Government, and the present  
Commutations in AMERICA.

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P H I L A D E L P H I A :

Printed, and Sold, by R. B E L L, in Third-Street.

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MDCCLXXVI.

The third title page found in Bell's "complete" edition (see Check List CS-9), constitutes when found separately Bell's [second edition] of *Large Additions to Common Sense* (see Check List CS-7). Copies could have CS-5 or CS-6 in place of CS-7.



A  
DIALOGUE  
BETWEEN  
THE GHOST  
OF  
GENERAL MONTGOMERY  
Just arrived from the ELYSIAN FIELDS;  
AND AN  
AMERICAN DELEGATE,  
IN A WOOD  
NEAR  
PHILADELPHIA.

Printed, and Sold by R. BELL, in Third-Street,

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MDCCLXXVI.

The fourth title page found in Bell's "complete" edition (see Check List CS-9). Not believed to have been written by Paine, although attributed to him by many writers. Like the other *Large Additions*, this had previously appeared in the newspapers (*Pennsylvania Packet*, February 19, 1776). The addition of this pamphlet to the *Large Additions* constitutes the *Large Additions* "complete." Its separate pagination indicates that it might have been sold separately, but no advertisement for this piece has yet been discovered (see Check List CS-217).

# COMMON SENSE;

ADDRESSED TO THE  
INHABITANTS  
OF

AMERICA,

On the following interesting

SUBJECTS:

- I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general, with concise Remarks on the English Constitution.
- II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession.
- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs.
- IV. Of the present ability of America, with some miscellaneous Reflections.

A NEW EDITION, with several Additions in the Body of the Work. To which is Added an APPENDIX ; together with an Address to the People called QUAKERS.

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*Man knows no Master save creating HEAVEN,  
Or those whom choice and common Good ordain.*

THOMSON.

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PHILADELPHIA :

PRINTED and SOLD by W. and T. BRADFORD.

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M,DCC,LXXVI.

[PRICE ONE BRITISH SHILLING.]

There are still two more 1776 editions of the Bradfords. Inasmuch as throughout the text of these additions there are many hiatuses of words libelous to the Crown, these editions were probably either published for export or printed abroad. Title page to the first 99-page edition of *Common Sense* bearing Bradfords' imprint (see Check List CS-14)

# COMMON SENSE;

ADDRESSED TO THE  
INHABITANTS  
OF  
AMERICA,

On the following interesting

## SUBJECTS:

- I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general, with concise Remarks on the English Constitution.
- II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession.
- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs.
- IV. Of the present ability of America, with some miscellaneous Reflections.

A NEW EDITION, with several Additions in the Body of the Work. To which is added an APPENDIX; together with an Address to the People called QUAKERS.

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THOMSON.

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PHILADELPHIA :

PRINTED and SOLD by W. and T. BRADFORD

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M,DCC,LXXVI.

[PRICE ONE BRITISH SHILLING.]

Title page to the second 99-page edition of *Common Sense* bearing Bradfords' imprint (see Check List CS-15). The capitalization of the word "Added" on line 15 has been corrected to "added".



*COMMON SENSE* swept the country like a prairie fire, and Paine poured more fuel on the flame by giving authority to other printers to publish it. One newspaper, the *Connecticut Courant* of February 19, 1776, even printed the whole of *Common Sense* in its columns. It was reprinted many times in England and was also published in 1776 in French at Rotterdam, Holland, and in 1777 in German at Lemgo, Germany.

Using the pseudonym The Forrester in his "Letter II to Cato" (Rev. William Smith, D.D.), appearing on April 10, 1776, in the *Pennsylvania Journal*, Paine writes concerning *Common Sense*:

. . . perhaps there never was a pamphlet, since the use of letters were known, about which so little pains were taken, and of which, so great a number went off in so short a time; I am certain that I am within compass when I say one hundred and twenty thousand.

How great the impact was can be best appreciated when its equivalent sale today, based on the present population of the United States, would be more than six-and-one-half million copies within the short space of three months. As a direct result of this overwhelming distribution, the Declaration of Independence was unanimously ratified on July 4, 1776.

Bell undoubtedly profited from his many editions, while Paine, really acting as his own publisher under the Bradfords' imprint, lost money. In a letter dated January 14, 1779, now in the New York Public Library, Paine writes that he was then out of pocket 39 pounds and 11 shillings on the Bradfords' editions.

Moncure Daniel Conway, in his thorough life of Thomas Paine published in 1892, estimated that the sales of *Common Sense* had reached 500,000 copies.

It is still in print.



A BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CHECK LIST OF  
*COMMON SENSE*





## ARRANGEMENT OF THE CHECK LIST

### I. *COMMON SENSE*

- A. Chronologically by YEAR
- B. Sub-arranged alphabetically by CITIES (or towns)
- C. Under each city, alphabetically by PUBLISHER (if none given, printer is used)
- D. Under publisher, by PRIORITY OF ISSUE, where practicable

In order to emphasize the earliest editions, all entries under 1776 Philadelphia CITY OF FIRST EDITION have been removed from their proper position and placed at the head of the list of cities. R. Bell PUBLISHER OF THE FIRST EDITION would have been placed first, ahead of all other publishers, were he not already there alphabetically.

*INTERSPERSED THROUGHOUT THIS LIST ARE ABRIDGMENTS, ADAPTATIONS, CONDENSATIONS, EXCERPTS, TRANSLATIONS, AND COLLECTIONS (WHERE THE INITIAL WORDS OF THE GENERAL TITLE ARE "COMMON SENSE").*

### II. RELATING TO *COMMON SENSE*

- A. Alphabetically by AUTHOR. If author is unknown, title is used
- B. Under each author, subsequent editions, if any, are arranged in the same sequence used in I., above: A, B, C, D

Where titles differ from those used by Foner in *The Complete Writings of Thomas Paine*, they are cross-indexed. The publisher's designation of edition has been followed in all cases whenever given. When this differs from the actual sequence of typesettings, explanations have been added.

In a number of instances separate check-list numbers have been given to extra portraits, hiatus slips, etc., to simplify checking.

(Rom.)—below the date, indicates date appears in Roman numerals

† —below the date, indicates that the item appears in the List of Facsimiles, page 12

CS—*Common Sense* check-list number

p.l.—preliminary leaf or leaves





# I. *COMMON SENSE*

Philadelphia

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	Robert Bell	COMMON SENSE; / ADDRESSED TO THE / INHABITANTS / OF / AMERI- CA, / On the following interesting / SUBJECTS. / I. Of the Origin and De- sign of Government in general, / with concise Remarks on the English Consti- tution. / II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession. / III. Thoughts on the pres- ent State of American Affairs. / IV. Of the present Ability of America, with some mis- / cellaneous Reflections. / [rule] / [quotation in three lines] / [double rule] / PHILADELPHIA; / Printed, and Sold, by R. BELL, in Third-Street. / [short rule] / M DCC LXX VI.  [FIRST EDITION, FIRST ISSUE, Anonymous] 2 p.l., [1]-79, 1 p.  Page 63, line 13, last words "pedling politi-"	CS-1

## CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>Page [80], line 3, "there volumes" (For comparison of typesetting with other editions see Table I on page 67.)</p> <p>Advertised on January 9, 1776 as "This day was published, and is now selling . . ."</p>	
			<p><i>Note A: A fraudulent title page of the first edition, first issue has been printed on laid paper, quite similar to the genuine paper, although a little thicker. It can easily be recognized by the words "concise Remarks," the bottom edges of which are distorted. This was caused by its photographic reproduction from a genuine first edition belonging to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; the copy has a crease at this place, concealing the bottom part of these words. It has been used to replace the third-edition title page of rebound copies of Bell's Common Sense. Collectors can readily determine that the body belongs to the third edition, since there is a postscript found on page 2 of the introduction dated February 14, 1776.</i></p>	
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	Robert Bell	<p>COMMON SENSE; . . .</p> <p>Title page similar to CS-1 except line 1 of Subject IV ends with the word "some."</p>	CS-2

# CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>There are no spaces between the Roman numerals of the date.</p> <p>[FIRST EDITION, SECOND ISSUE, Anonymous] 2 p.l., [1]-79, 1 p.</p> <p>Page 63, line 13, last words "pidling po-"</p> <p>Page [80], line 3 "three volumes"</p> <p>(For comparison of typesetting with other editions see Table I on page 67.)</p>	
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	Robert Bell	<p>COMMON SENSE; / ADDRESSED TO THE / INHABITANTS / OF / AMERICA, / On the following interesting / SUBJECTS. / I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general, / with concise Remarks on the English Constitution. / II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession. / III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs. / IV. Of the present Ability of America, with some / miscellaneous Reflections. / WRITTEN BY AN ENGLISHMAN. / [rule] / THE SECOND EDITION. / [rule] / [quotation in three lines] / [double rule] / PHILADELPHIA; / Printed, and Sold, by R. BELL, in Third-Street. / [short rule] / MDCCLXXVI.</p> <p>SECOND EDITION [Anonymous] 2 p.l., [1]-79, 1 p.</p>	CS-3



## CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>Advertised on January 20, 1776 as "a new edition" and on January 25, 1776 as "second edition."</p> <p>(For comparison of typesetting with other editions see Table I on page 67.)</p> <p><i>Note B: Before Bell printed the third edition described below (CS-4), Paine changed his publisher and had Bradford publish a "New Edition," CS-10. Bell pirated from this Bradford edition all the new material and included it as an integral part of Bell's Large Additions to Common Sense (CS-5 et seq.).</i></p>	
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	Robert Bell	<p>COMMON SENSE; . . .</p> <p>Title page similar to CS-3 except line following Subject IV "WRITTEN BY AN ENGLISHMAN" is omitted, and in place of "THE SECOND EDITION" is printed "THE THIRD EDITION."</p> <p>THIRD EDITION [Anonymous] 2 p.l., [1]-79, 1 p.</p> <p>On page [2] of introduction there is added a postscript of 13 lines, dated Philadelphia, February 14, 1776.</p> <p>(For comparison of typesetting with other editions see Table I on page 67.)</p>	CS-4

## CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

TABLE I

Variations in Typesettings between the Editions of *COMMON SENSE*  
Printed by Bell, Philadelphia, 1776

*Mixed copies are known, made up of signatures from different editions*

	CS-1	CS-2	CS-3	CS-4
	FIRST EDITION	FIRST EDITION	SECOND EDITION	THIRD EDITION
	FIRST ISSUE	SECOND ISSUE		
Title page:				
Last word of first line of Subject IV	mis-	some	some	some
Author statement	(none)	(none)	WRITTEN BY AN ENGLISHMAN	(none)
Edition	(none)	(none)	THE SECOND EDITION	THE THIRD EDITION
Page [2] of intro- duction	(No postscript)	(No postscript)	(No postscript)	P.S. [13 lines] February 14, 1776
Signature B:				
Page 7 catchword	dependent	dependent	independent	independant
Signature C:				
Page 15, line 7 ends	none, and	none, and	none,	done,
Signature D:				
Page 21, line 3	ours for ever.	ours for ever.	ours forever.	ours forever."
Signature E:				
Page 31, 2d par., last line begins	the	the	second	hath
Signature F:				
Page 40, line 10 ends	ill judged	ill judged	ill-judged	by an
Signature G:				
Page 44, line 6, first word	child.	child.	and child.	parent

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TABLE I—*continued*

	CS-1	CS-2	CS-3	CS-4
	FIRST EDITION	FIRST EDITION	SECOND EDITION	THIRD EDITION
	FIRST ISSUE	SECOND ISSUE		
Signature H: Page 54, 3d line from bottom	. — —	. — —	— —	—
Signature I: Page 63, line 13, last word	pedling politi-	pidling po-	pidling po-	pidling politi-
Signature K: Page 71, line 10, first words	to lose,	to lose,	have to	they have
Signature L: Page 76, 2d par., last line ends	*	*	*	*
Page [80], line 3	there volumes	three volumes	three volumes	three volumes

		PUBLISHER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK
		OR		LIST
YEAR	CITY	PRINTER		NO.
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	Robert Bell	LARGE / ADDITIONS / TO / COM- MON SENSE. / I. American Inde- pendancy defended, by Candidus. / II. The Propriety of Independancy, by Demophilus. / [quotation in three lines] / III. A Review of the American Contest, with some / Strictures on the King's Speech. Addressed to all / Par- ents in the Thirteen United Colonies, by a / Friend to Posterity and Man- kind. / IV. Letter to Lord Dartmouth, by an English American / V. Observa-	CS-5



CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			tions on Lord North's Conciliatory Plan, / by Sincerus. / TO WHICH IS ADDED AND GIVEN / An Appendix to Common Sense; Together with an Ad- / dress to the people called Quakers, on their Testimony / concerning Kings and Government, and the present / Commotions in AMERICA. / [rule] / PHILADELPHIA: / Printed, and Sold, by R. BELL, in Third-Street. / [short rule] / MDCCLXXVI.  [FIRST EDITION, FIRST ISSUE] 1 p.l., [81]-147, 1 p.  Advertised February 17, 1776 "On Monday morning [February 19, 1776] will be published . . . Additions to Common Sense."  (This first edition, first issue, apparently exists in mixed gatherings. The various typesettings are given in Table II, page 73.)  Paine wrote only the "Appendix" and "Address to the Quakers," and these were pirated by Bell. See Note B, page 66.	
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	Robert Bell	LARGE / ADDITIONS / TO / COMMON SENSE; / ADDRESSED TO THE INHABITANTS OF AMERI-	CS-6

# CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>CA, / ON THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING SUBJECTS. / I. The American Patriot's Prayer. / II. American Independancy defended, by Candidus. / III. The Propriety of Independancy, by Demophilus. / [quotation in three lines] / IV. A Review of the American Contest, with some / Strictures on the King's Speech. Addressed to all / Parents in the Thirteen United Colonies, by a / Friend to Posterity and Mankind. / V. Letter to Lord Dartmouth, by an English American. / VI. Observations on Lord North's Conciliatory Plan, / by Sincerus. / TO WHICH IS ADDED AND GIVEN / An Appendix to Common Sense; Together with an Ad- / dress to the people called Quakers, on their Testimony / concerning Kings and Government, and the present / Commotions in AMERICA. / [rule] / PHILADELPHIA: / Printed, and Sold, by R. BELL, in Third-Street. / [short rule] / MDCCLXXVI.</p> <p>[FIRST EDITION, SECOND ISSUE] 1 p.l., [81]—147, 1 p.</p> <p>Advertised February 20, 1776 as "Just printed, published and selling . . ."</p> <p>(This first edition, second issue, ap-</p>	

# CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			parently exists in mixed gatherings. The various typesettings are given in Table II, page 73.)	
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	Robert Bell	<p>LARGE ADDITIONS TO COMMON SENSE [Title similar to CS-6 except on line 20] "TO WHICH ARE ADDED AND GIVEN"</p> <p>[SECOND EDITION] 1 p.l., [81]-147, 1 p.</p> <p>Advertised March 19, 1776 as "Lately printed, published and now selling."</p> <p>(Copies located use the second setting of type, as shown in Table II, page 73.)</p> <p><i>Note C: Large Additions, CS-5, CS-6, CS-7, beside being sold as a separate item, was sold to the purchasers of Bell's first and second editions of Common Sense (CS-1, CS-2, CS-3) and was annexed to the Large Edition (CS-8). It was later used with the third edition (CS-4), and constituted a part of CS-9.</i></p>	CS-7
1776 †	Phila.	Robert Bell	<p>COMMON SENSE [and <i>Large Addi- tions</i>] [A cheap edition in rough paper combining <i>Common Sense</i> with <i>Large Additions</i>, each with its own title page, but without a general title page.] Written by an Englishman [Anony- mous]</p>	CS-8



# CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>2 p.l., 44 p., <i>Common Sense</i> [title similar to CS-3, but without the line "Second Edition"]</p> <p>[45]–77 p., <i>Large Additions</i> [title similar to CS-6, but without the words "AND GIVEN" on line 20 and without imprint or date.]</p> <p>Page [2] of introduction, no postscript Published around the end of February 1776.</p>	
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	Robert Bell	<p>COMMON SENSE; / WITH THE WHOLE / APPENDIX: / THE / AD- DRESS / TO THE / QUAKERS: / ALSO, THE / LARGE ADDITIONS, / AND / A Dialogue between the Ghost of General Montgomery, / just arrived from the Elysian Fields; and an American / Delegate in a Wood, near Philadelphia: / On the Grand Sub- ject of / AMERICAN INDEPEND- ANCY. / [rule] / PHILADELPHIA: / Printed, and Sold, by R. BELL, in Third-Street. / [short rule] / MDCCLXXVI. [Anonymous]</p> <p>This work, including four title pages, is made up as follows: 1 p.l., General half-title "... LARGE ADDITIONS / COMPLETE. . . ."</p>	CS-9

TABLE II

Typesettings of Bell's Large Additions to *COMMON SENSE**Mixed copies are known, made up of signatures from different typesettings*

	FIRST SETTING OF TYPE	SECOND SETTING OF TYPE
Signature [M]: Page [81], line 11	Swash "Q"	Plain "Q"
Signature N: Pages [89]–96 No differences		
Signature O: Pages 97–104 No differences		
Signature P: Pages 105–112 No differences		
Signature Q: Page 114, line 8 "possible grounds" Page [120] below "More Additions"	In italics "Page 47. line 8. . . ."	No italics "Page 38. line 2. . . ."
Signature R: Page 122, line 2 from bottom	"gods"	"Gods"
Signature S: Page 136, line 15 "independantly"	In italics	No italics
Signature T: Page 140, pagination	On inner side	On outer side
Signature U: Page 147, line 9 from bottom	"farewel."	"farewell."

# CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>1 p.l., General title page (as described)</p> <p>2 p.l., [1]–79, 1 p., <i>Common Sense</i>, third edition (CS-4), including title page</p> <p>1 p.l., [81]–147, 1 p., <i>Large Additions to Common Sense</i> (either CS-5, CS-6 or CS-7), including title page</p> <p>1 p.l., <i>Address of Robert Bell, Bookseller to the Public</i>, covering both pages</p> <p>1 p.l., [5]–16 p., <i>Dialogue between the Ghost of General Montgomery</i>. . . (Not believed to have been written by Paine) including title page</p> <p>Advertised March 19, 1776 as “Lately printed, published and now selling . . .”</p>	
[1776] †	Phila.	W. & T. Bradford	<p>COMMON SENSE; / ADDRESSED TO THE / INHABITANTS / OF / AMERICA, / On the following interesting / SUBJECTS. / I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general, / with concise Remarks on the English Constitution. / II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession. / III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs. / IV. Of the present Ability of America, with some miscellaneous Reflections. / A NEW EDITION, with several Additions in the Body of / the Work. To which is added an APPENDIX; together /</p>	CS-10



# CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>with an Address to the People called Quakers. / N.B. The New Addition here given increases the Work / upwards of one Third. / [rule] / [quotation in three lines] / [double rule] / PHILADELPHIA PRINTED. / And SOLD by W. and T. BRADFORD.</p> <p>3 p.l., [1]-50 p.</p> <p>Type ornament above and below half-title</p> <p>No "Erata" [sic] at end of introduction</p> <p>Page 45 numbered</p> <p><i>Note D: This, the first edition to contain Paine's additions, was printed by Steiner and Cist for Bradford. At about the same time CS-11 was printed by B. Towne for Bradford. Advertised January 25, 1776 "will be published as soon as possible," and on February 14, 1776 "this day will be published." Bell pirated from this edition. See Note B, page 66.</i></p>	
[1776] †	Phila.	W. & T. Bradford	<p>COMMON SENSE; . . .</p> <p>[First issue printed by B. Towne, Anonymous]</p> <p>3 p.l., [1]-50 p.</p> <p>Plain rule above and below half-title</p> <p>One line "Erata" at end of introduction</p> <p>Page 45 numbered</p>	CS-11

# CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
[1776] †	Phila.	W. & T. Bradford	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Second issue printed by B. Towne, Anonymous] 3 p.l., [1]—50 p.  Plain rule above and below half-title No "Erata" at end of introduction Page 45 numbered	CS-12
[1776] †	Phila.	W. & T. Bradford	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Third issue printed by B. Towne, Anonymous] 3 p.l., [1]—50 p.  Plain rule above and below half-title No "Erata" at end of introduction Page 45 unnumbered	CS-13
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	W. & T. Bradford	COMMON SENSE; . . . [First 99-page edition, Anonymous] <Price One British Shilling.> [1]—99 p.  Title page, line 15, "Added" capital- ized Page 47, line 15; page 48, line 20; page 49, line 2; "k——" Page 58, line 23, "asylum" Page 79, line 3 from bottom, "chris- tians —"	CS-14
1776 (Rom.) †	Phila.	W. & T. Bradford	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Second 99-page edition, Anonymous] <Price One British Shilling.> [1]—99 p.	CS-15

# CHECK LIST 1776 PHILADELPHIA

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>Title page, line 15, "added" not capitalized</p> <p>Page 47, line 15; page 48, line 21; page 49, line 2; "K——"</p> <p>Page 58, line 23, "assylum"</p> <p>Page 79, line 3 from bottom, "Christians. —"</p> <p><i>Note E: Could CS-14 and CS-15 have been printed in Dublin? There is a great similarity to CS-66, such as the hiatuses which do not appear in any other American editions. Perhaps London?</i></p>	
1776 †	Phila.	Steiner & Cist	<p>[COMMON SENSE]</p> <p>[First German translation, New Edition, Anonymous]</p> <p>Gesunde Vernunft . . .</p> <p>[i]–viii, 1–70 p.</p> <p>Advertised January 23, 1776 "in the press," and on February 23, 1776 "Just came out and next Monday [February 26, 1776] will have . . ."</p> <p><i>Note F: A Dutch edition was advertised in the Connecticut Courant, February 19, 1776: "There is also a German edition [CS-16] in the press in Philadelphia and also one in Dutch language at New York." However, none has been located in Dutch.</i></p>	CS-16



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## Cities of Issue, Other than Philadelphia

Arranged in Alphabetical Order

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
[1776]	Andover	S. Phillips, Jr.	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [Anonymous] PHILADELPHIA Printed: NEW- BURY-PORT, Reprinted, / for SAM- UEL PHILLIPS, jun. of Andover. [1]–[62] p.  Except for imprint, same as Newbury- port edition printed by Mycall. See CS-42	CS-17
1776 (Rom.)	Boston	Edes & Gill, & Fleet	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Title similar to CS-1] Written by an Englishman [Anony- mous] 2 p.l., [1]–44 p.	CS-18
1776	Boston	Printing Office, Queens Street	COMMON SENSE; LARGE ADDI- TIONS TO [1]–44 p.  The <i>Appendix</i> by Paine, also the <i>Ad- dress to the . . . Quakers</i>	CS-19
1776	Charlestown		COMMON SENSE; . . . [Not located]	CS-20

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YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			From W. T. Lowndes, <i>Bibliographer's Manual</i> , ed. H. G. Bohn, page 1761. Winsor's <i>Narrative and Critical History</i> , Vol. VI, page 269, has "Charleston"	
1776 (Rom.)	Edinburgh	C. Elliott	COMMON SENSE; . . .	CS-21
	Stirling	Anderson	NEW EDITION [Anonymous] 1 p.l., [1]—99 p.  Has hiatuses, although not as many as the Almon London edition (CS-24, CS-26, CS-28, CS-30, CS-32, CS-34, CS-36, and CS-38)	
[1776]	Hartford	Eben Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [Anonymous] [1]—59 p.	CS-22
[1776]	Lancaster, Pa.	F. Bailey	COMMON SENSE; . . . Fourth Edition [New Edition, Anonymous] [1]—63 p.	CS-23
1776	London	J. Almon	[Row of type ornaments] / COMMON SENSE, / AND / PLAIN TRUTH. / [row of type ornaments] / <Price Eighteen-Pence.> [General half-title] [First Edition with Plain Truth, Anonymous] 3 p.l., [1]—54 p., 2 p.l., [1]—47 p., 1 p.	CS-24

# CHECK LIST 1776

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>1 p.l., General half-title page described above, verso advertisement explaining why <i>Plain Truth</i> is included, last line "state" on extreme left</p> <p>1 p.l., Title page to <i>Common Sense</i>, similar to CS-10, NEW EDITION . . . PHILADELPHIA, PRINTED;/LONDON, RE-PRINTED, / . . . 1776</p> <p>1 p.l., Introduction</p> <p>Lines 15 and 17, hiatuses</p> <p>[1]—40 p., <i>Common Sense</i></p> <p>Page 31, 3d line from bottom, first word "pedling"</p> <p>41—54, <i>Appendix</i></p> <p>(This, the first edition of <i>Common Sense</i> published in England, contained many hiatuses where passages occurred casting reflection upon the Crown and government. A printed slip of passages for insertion in the hiatuses, similar to CS-75 and CS-76, has not been located.)</p> <p>(See Table III, page 87 for location of other hiatuses and comparison of typesettings with other editions.)</p> <p>2 p.l., [1]—47, 1 p., <i>Plain Truth</i> [First London Edition] written by Candidus [pseud. for James Chalmers]. See CS-207</p>	



# CHECK LIST 1776

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1776	London	J. Almon	COMMON SENSE AND PLAIN TRUTH Same as CS-24 except hiatuses are filled in with pen and ink	CS-25
"	"	"	COMMON SENSE; . . . 2 p.l., [1]-54 p.  Separate from CS-24 issued without general half-title, otherwise same	CS-26
"	"	"	COMMON SENSE; . . . 2 p.l., [1]-54 p.  Separate from CS-24 issued without general half-title, hiatuses filled in with pen and ink, otherwise same	CS-27
1776	London	J. Almon	[Row of type ornaments] / COMMON SENSE, / AND / PLAIN TRUTH. / THE SECOND EDITION, CORRECTED. / [row of type ornament] / <Price Eighteen-Pence.> [General half-title] [Anonymous] 3 p.l., [1]-54 p., 2 p.l., [1]-47 p., 1 p.  1 p.l., General half-title page described above, verso advertisement explaining why <i>Plain Truth</i> is included, last line "state" on extreme left 1 p.l., Title page to <i>Common Sense</i> ,	CS-28

# CHECK LIST 1776

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>similar to CS-10, NEW EDITION . . .            PHILADELPHIA, PRINTED; /            LONDON, RE-PRINTED, / . . .            1776</p> <p>1 p.l., Introduction            Line 15, hiatus replaced by print            "combination"            Line 17, hiatus replaced by print            "usurpation"            [1]—40 p., <i>Common Sense</i>            Page 31, 3d line from bottom, first            word "pedling"            41—54, "Appendix"</p> <p>(See Table III, page 87 for location            of other hiatuses and comparison of            typesettings with other editions.)</p> <p>2 p.l., [1]—47, 1 p., <i>Plain Truth</i> [First            London edition], written by Candidus            [pseud. for James Chalmers]. See            CS-207</p>	
1776	London	J. Almon	<p>COMMON SENSE, AND PLAIN            TRUTH. . . .</p> <p>Same as CS-28 except other hiatuses            are filled in with pen and ink</p>	CS-29
"	"	"	<p>COMMON SENSE; . . .</p> <p>2 p.l., [1]—54 p.</p> <p>Separate from CS-28 issued without            general half-title, otherwise same</p>	CS-30

# CHECK LIST 1776

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1776	London	J. Almon	COMMON SENSE: . . . 2 p.l., [1]–54 p.  Separate from CS-28 issued without general half-title, other hiatuses filled in with pen and ink, otherwise same	CS-31
“	“	“	[Row of type ornaments] / COMMON SENSE, / AND / PLAIN TRUTH. / THE THIRD EDITION, COR- RECTED. / [row of type ornaments] / <Price Eighteen-Pence.> [General half-title] [Anonymous] 3 p.l., [1]–54 p., 2 p.l., [1]–47 p., 1 p.  1 p.l., General half-title page described above, verso advertisement explaining why <i>Plain Truth</i> is included, last line “state” on extreme left 1 p.l., Title page to <i>Common Sense</i> , similar to CS-10, NEW EDITION . . . PHILADELPHIA, PRINTED; / LONDON, RE-PRINTED, / . . . 1776 1 p.l., Introduction [1]–40 p., <i>Common Sense</i> Page 23, numbered upside down Page 31, 3d line from bottom, first word “pidling” 41–54, <i>Appendix</i>	CS-32



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YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES (See Table III, page 87 for location of hiatuses and comparison of type- settings with other editions.)  2 p.l., [1]—47, 1 p., <i>Plain Truth</i> [First London edition], written by Candidus [pseud. for James Chalmers]. See CS-207	CHECK LIST NO.
1776	London	J. Almon	COMMON SENSE, AND PLAIN TRUTH . . . Same as CS-32 except hiatuses are filled in with pen and ink	CS-33
“	“	“	COMMON SENSE; . . . 2 p.l., [1]—54 p.  Separate from CS-32 issued without general half-title, otherwise same	CS-34
“	“	“	COMMON SENSE; . . . 2 p.l., [1]—54 p.  Separate from CS-32 issued without general half-title, hiatuses filled in with pen and ink, otherwise same	CS-35
1776	London	J. Almon	[Row of type ornaments] / COMMON SENSE, / AND / PLAIN TRUTH. / THE FOURTH EDITION, COR- RECTED. / [row of type ornaments] / <Price Eighteen-Pence.>	CS-36

# CHECK LIST 1776

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			<p>[General half-title]</p> <p>[Anonymous]</p> <p>3 p.l., [1]–54 p., 2 p.l., [1]–47 p., 1 p.</p> <p>1 p.l., General half-title page described above, verso advertisement explaining why <i>Plain Truth</i> is included, last line “state” on extreme right</p> <p>1 p.l., Title page to <i>Common Sense</i>, similar to CS-10, NEW EDITION . . . PHILADELPHIA, PRINTED; / LONDON, RE-PRINTED, / . . . 1776</p> <p>1 p.l., Introduction</p> <p>Page [1], last line “e” of “fire” dropped to line of the catchword</p> <p>[1]–40 p., <i>Common Sense</i></p> <p>Page 31, 3d line from bottom, first word “pidling”</p> <p>41–54, “Appendix”</p> <p>(See Table III, page 87 for location of hiatuses and comparison of type-settings with other editions.)</p> <p>2 p.l., [1]–47, 1 p., <i>Plain Truth</i>, Second Edition, Written by Candidus [pseud. for James Chalmers]. See CS-208</p>	
1776	London	J. Almon	<p>COMMON SENSE, AND PLAIN TRUTH. . . .</p> <p>Same as CS-36 except hiatuses are filled in with pen and ink</p>	CS-37

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TABLE III

Variations in Typesettings between the Editions of *COMMON SENSE*  
Reprinted by Almon, London, 1776

*Mixed copies are known, made up of signatures from different editions*

	CS-24, 25, 26, 27 FIRST EDITION	CS-28, 29, 30, 31 SECOND EDITION	CS-32, 33, 34, 35 THIRD EDITION	CS-36, 37, 38, 39 FOURTH EDITION
Page [1] of introd., last line, "e" of "fire" placed	correctly	correctly	correctly	dropped to line of the catchword
Signature D: Page 23, pagina- tion	correct	correct	upside down	correct
Signature E: Parenthesis found: Page 26, lines 14 and 15	no	no	yes	yes
Page 29, lines 32 and 33	no	no	yes	yes
Page 31, 3d line from bottom	"pedling"	"pedling"	"pidling"	"pidling"
Signature F: Page 40, 3d par., last line "under- standing"	singular	singular	plural	plural
Signature H: Page 51, pagina- tion	correct	missing	correct	correct



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TABLE III—*continued*

HIATUSES FOUND:		HIATUSES REPLACED BY PRINT:		
Page 1 of introd., line 15	yes	“combination”	“combination”	“combination”
Page 1 of introd., line 17	yes	“usurpation”	“usurpation”	“usurpation”
Signature D: Page 23, line 16	“N——”	“North”	“North”	“North”
Signature E: Page 25, line 3	yes	“and fatal”	“and fatal”	“and fatal”
Hiatuses on: Pages 14, 17, 23 (bottom of page) 24 25 (middle of page) 28, 29, 30 41, 42, 45 51, 52	Found in all edi- tions			

		PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
YEAR	CITY			
1776	London	J. Almon	COMMON SENSE; . . . 2 p. <i>l.</i> , [1]–54 p.  Separate from CS-36 issued without general half-title, otherwise same	CS-38

# CHECK LIST 1776

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1776	London	J. Almon	COMMON SENSE; . . . 2 p.l., [1]—54 p.  Separate from CS-36 issued without general half-title, hiatuses filled in with pen and ink, otherwise same	CS-39
“	“	“	COMMON SENSE, ADDITIONS TO See CS-203	
1776 (Rom.)	New London	Green	COMMON SENSE, See CS-49, CS-50, Norwich, Spooner	
[1776]	New York	J. Anderson	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Title similar to CS-1, Anonymous] 2 p.l., [1]—56 p.	CS-40
[1776]	New York	J. Anderson	COMMON SENSE; . . . Second Edition [Title similar to CS-1, Anonymous] 2 p.l., [1]—56 p.  The introduction is in italics.	CS-41
[1776]	Newburyport	John Mycall	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [Anonymous] [1]—[62] p.	CS-42
1776 (Rom.)	Newcastle upon Tyne	T. Robson	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [Anonymous] [1]—56 p. Has hiatuses and <i>Appendix</i>	CS-43

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YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1776 (Rom.)	Newcastle upon Tyne	T. Robson	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [Anonymous] [1]-56, [57]-94 p. Includes <i>Additions to Common Sense</i> Has hiatuses and <i>Appendix</i>	CS-44
1776 (Rom.)	Newport	S. Southwick	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Subjects III and IV only, Anonymous] THOUGHTS / ON THE PRESENT STATE OF / AMERICAN AFFAIRS; EXTRACTED FROM A 'PAM- PHLET / . . . COMMON SENSE; / ADDRESSED TO THE / INHABI- TANTS / OF / AMERICA. [1]-31 p.	CS-45
1776 (Rom.)	Newport	S. Southwick	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Subjects I and II only, Anonymous] [1]-16 p.  (Obviously printed to supply the pur- chasers of CS-45 with first two subjects of <i>Common Sense</i> .)	CS-46
1776 (Rom.)	Newport	S. Southwick	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Title similar to CS-1, Anonymous] [1]-16 p., 1 blank leaf, [3]-31 p.  In order to supply purchasers with <i>Common Sense</i> , the printer bound Sub- jects I and II (CS-46), with its title	CS-47



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YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			page, with Subjects III and IV (CS-45), with its title page unprinted, leaving a blank leaf.	
1776 (Rom.)	Newport	S. Southwick	COMMON SENSE, LARGE ADDI- TIONS TO 71 p.	CS-48
1776 (Rom.)	Norwich New London	Spooner Green	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Title similar to CS-1, Anonymous] [1]-56 p.	CS-49
[1776]	Norwich New London	Spooner Green	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [Anonymous] [1]-64 p.  Postscript on page 64 dated February 14, 1776	CS-50
1776	Philadelphia		See CS-1, et seq.	
1776 (Rom.)	Providence	John Carter	COMMON SENSE; . . . Sixth Edition [Title similar to CS-1, Anonymous] [1]-33 p.	CS-51
[1776]	Providence	[John Carter]	COMMON SENSE, APPENDIX TO [35]-[46] p.  Includes "Address to Quakers"	CS-52

# CHECK LIST 1776-1777

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1776 (Rom.)	Providence	John Carter	COMMON SENSE; . . . Tenth Edition [Title similar to CS-1, Anonymous] [1]-33 p.	CS-53
1776	Rotterdam	Hofhout & Wolfsbergen	[COMMON SENSE] [First French Translation, Anony- mous] LE SENS COMMUN, / ADRESSÉ / AUX HABITANTS . . . Nouvelle Edition [1]-80 p.	CS-54
1776 (Rom.)	Salem	Russell	COMMON SENSE; . . . Third Edition [Title similar to CS-1, Anonymous] [1]-28 p.	CS-55
1776 (Rom.)	Stirling	Anderson	COMMON SENSE See CS-21, Edinburgh, Elliott	
1776 (Rom.)	[?]	Printed for Thirteen Colonies	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [Anonymous] [1]-44 p.	CS-56
1777	Lemgo, Germany	Meyer	[COMMON SENSE] [German Translation, New Edition] Materialien / für die / Statistick / und neuere / Staatengeschichte / gesamlet / von / Christian Wilhelm Dohm. 8 p.l., [1]-192 p.	CS-57

## CHECK LIST 1791

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			First installment of a series. Consisting of <i>Common Sense</i> (with numerous hiatuses), <i>Plain Truth</i> , <i>Second Letter from Cato</i> , and <i>Rationalis</i> . A magazine published in Leipzig, <i>Amerikanische Bibliothek</i> , 4 (1777), 388-91, contains most of the omitted passages.	
1791 (Rom.)	Albany	C. & G. Webster	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition, Anonymous] [1]-60 p.	CS-58
1791 (Rom.)	London	J. S. Jordan	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [1]-90 p., 1 p.	CS-59
1791 (Rom.)	London	J. Ridgway	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [1]-88 p.  Title page, line 8 ends "in general, with"	CS-60
1791 (Rom.)	London	J. Ridgway	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [1]-88 p.  Title page, line 8 ends "in general,"	CS-61
1791 (Rom.)	London	J. Ridgway	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [1]-71 p.	CS-62



# CHECK LIST 1791

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			Title page, line 8 ends "in general," Page 71 has four paragraphs plus five lines	
1791 (Rom.)	London	J. Ridgway	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [1]-71 p.  Title page, line 8 ends "in general," Page 71 has four paragraphs	CS-63
1791	Paris	Gueffier	[COMMON SENSE] [New Edition in French] LE / SENS-COMMUN. / OUVRAGE / ADRESSÉ AUX AMÉRICAINS, / . . . 1 p.l., i-iv, [1]-113 p.  Translated by Antoine G. Griffet de Labaume	CS-64
1791	Paris	Gueffier	[COMMON SENSE] Second edition, rev. and corrected, in French [New Edition] LE / SENS-COMMUN. / OUVRAGE / ADRESSÉ AUX AMÉRICAINS, / . . . 1 p.l., [i]-ii, [1]-96 p.	CS-65

# CHECK LIST 1791-1792

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1791 (Rom.)	Phila.	W. & T. Bradford	COMMON SENSE; . . . [1]-99 p.  No price on title page Page 78 correctly numbered  (Could this have been printed in Dub- lin? Paper has greenish tinge. Has hi- atuses similar to CS-14 and CS-15.)	CS-66
1792	London	D. Jordan	COMMON SENSE; . . . Ninth Edition [New Edition] [1]-67 p.  Hiatuses replaced by print except for: Page 31, "N——" 38, end of first paragraph (there is no noticeable gap) 53, end of page (there is no noticeable gap)	CS-67
"	"	"	COMMON SENSE; . . . Same as CS-67 with portrait as frontis- piece	CS-67a
1792	London	J. Parsons	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION by T. Pain [1]-50 p.	CS-68
1792 (Rom.)	London	Ridgway	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [1]-71 p.	CS-69

# CHECK LIST 1792

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			Page 71 has four paragraphs 66 misnumbered as "6"	
1792 (Rom.)	London	Ridgway	COMMON SENSE; . . . Same as CS-69 except there is added a portrait as a frontispiece	CS-70
1792	London	H. D. Symonds	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Sixpence edition] NEW EDITION [1]-36 p.  Title page has rule between Subject IV and "A New Edition" Page 9, first word "EVIL"	CS-71
"	"	"	COMMON SENSE; . . . Same as CS-71 except there is added a portrait as a frontispiece	CS-72
1792	London	H. D. Symonds	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Six-pence edition] NEW EDITION [1]-36 p.  Title page has no rule between Sub- ject IV and "A New Edition" Page 9, first word "HAVE"	CS-73
"	"	"	COMMON SENSE; . . . Same as CS-73 except there is added a portrait as a frontispiece	CS-74



# CHECK LIST 1792-1793

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1792?	London?	H. D. Symonds?	COMMON SENSE, Passages for Insertion in the Hiatuses of, 1 leaf  To be used with Symonds, London, 1792 sixpence edition of 36 pages (CS-71, CS-72, CS-73, CS-74). Also could be used with Symonds, London, 1793 edition (CS-78).	CS-75
1792?	London?	H. D. Symonds?	COMMON SENSE, Passages for Insertion in the Hiatuses of, 1 leaf  Arranged in two columns, contains 28 hiatuses for insertion in a 12mo edition (36 pages) and an 8vo edition (71 pages). It is usable with Symonds edition of 1792 (CS-71, CS-72, CS-73, CS-74) and Symonds 1793 edition (CS-78), and Ridgway editions of 1791 (CS-62, CS-63), and Ridgway 1792 editions (CS-69, CS-70).	CS-76
1792 (Rom.)	London	Printed and Sold by all Booksellers	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION 58 p.	CS-77
1793	London	H. D. Symonds	COMMON SENSE; . . . NEW EDITION [1]-36 p.	CS-78

# CHECK LIST 1793-1794

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			Title page has no rule between Subject IV and "A New Edition" Page 9, first word "we"	
1793	Paris	Buisson	[COMMON SENSE] [New Edition, in French] LE / SENS COMMUN, / ADRESSÉ / AUX HABITANS / DE L'AMÉRI- QUE, / PAR THOMAS PAINE, / Secrétaire du Congrès . . . [i]-viii, [1]-118 p., 1 l.  From the English by Griffet de Labaume	CS-79
"	"	"	[COMMON SENSE] Same as CS-79 except there is added a portrait as a frontispiece	CS-80
[1793- 94]	Paris	Gueffier & Regnier	[COMMON SENSE [New Edition in French] LE / SENS-COMMUN. / OUVRAGE / ADRESSÉ AUX AMÉRICAINS, / . . . Nouvelle Edition . . . 1 p.l., [i]-ii, [1]-96 p.	CS-81
1794	Copenhagen	Proft, Sohn	[COMMON SENSE] [New Edition in German] <i>Gesunder Menschenverstand.</i> [1]-140 p.	CS-82

# CHECK LIST 1796-1819.

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1796	Phila.	James Carey	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition, Anonymous] [1]-52 p.	CS-83
1803	Boston	Dunham	COMMON SENSE; . . . [Title similar to CS-1] [1]-43 p.	CS-84
1817	London	Sherwin	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition] [1]-56 p.  On fine paper	CS-85
"	"	"	COMMON SENSE; . . . Same as CS-85 except on "common paper," rough and blue-gray	CS-86
[c.1818]	London	Sherwin	COMMON SENSE; . . . 34 p., double columns  Hiatuses throughout book; has im- print at bottom of page 10. (From Sherwin's <i>Political Register</i> ?)	CS-87
1819	London	Carlile	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition] [1]-56 p.  On fine paper	CS-88



# CHECK LIST 1819-1821

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1819	London	Carlile	COMMON SENSE; . . . Same as CS-88 except on common paper, rough and blue-gray	CS-89
"	"	"	COMMON SENSE; . . . Same as CS-88 except there is a line of imprint under "London" over stamped with a heavy type making it illegible.  (Probably a common-paper edition also exists.)	CS-90
"	"	"	Portrait of Thomas Paine Romney pinx. Engraved from original painting in England, 1791. Proof. Made and sold to be bound with Car- lile 1819 editions, CS-88, CS-89, CS-90.	CS-91
1819	[London]	?	Portrait of Thomas Paine Sudlow eng. Made and sold to be bound with 1819 Carlile editions, CS-88, CS-89, CS-90.	CS-92
1821	Lima	Rio	[COMMON SENSE] [New Edition in Spanish, abridged] REFLECCIONES POLITICAS / ES- CRITAS BAJO EL TITULO DE / INSTINTO COMUN / POR EL	CS-93

# CHECK LIST 1821-1830

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			CIUDADANO / TOMAS PAINE, / Y TRADUCIDAS ABREVIADA- MENTE / POR / ANSELMO NAT- EIU / . . . [i]-v, [vi blank], [1]-35 p.	
1821	London	Benbow	COMMON SENSE; . . . [NEW EDITION] [1]-52 p., [53]-180 [i.e. 280] in- cludes the <i>Rights of Man</i> with separate title pages: Part I—1821 II—1822 With portrait	CS-94
1822	Paris	Poulet	[COMMON SENSE] [French translation] LE / SENS COMMUN, / ADRESSÉ / AUX HABITANS . . . x-74 p.	CS-95
[1824]	[Charlestown, Mass.]	[Davidson]	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.  Removed from <i>Political Writings</i> , Davidson, 1824	CS-96
[1830]	[New York]	[King]	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.  Removed from <i>Political Writings</i> , King, 1830	CS-97

# CHECK LIST 1831-1835

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1831 (Rom.)	London	John Brooks	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [v]-vi, [7]-84 p.	CS-98
1831	London	W. Strange	COMMON SENSE; . . . 64 p.	CS-99
1831	London	Printed for all Booksellers by J. Russell, Birmingham	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition] 58, [2] p.	CS-100
1831	London	J. Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition] v, [1], [7]-64 p.	CS-101
1832 (Rom.)	Greenock	John Sharp Printed by Gowan in Glasgow	COMMON SENSE; . . .	CS-102
1833	Glasgow	Muir, Gowan & Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition] 31 p.  No hiatuses	CS-103
[c.1835]	London	Austin & Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . v, [2], 8-48 p.	CS-104



# CHECK LIST 1835-1844

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
[1835]	Manchester	G. Walton	COMMON SENSE; . . . 62 p.  No hiatuses	CS-105
[1835]	[New York]	[Evans]	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.  Removed from <i>Political Writings</i> , Evans, 1835	CS-106
[1837]	[Middletown, N.J.]	[Evans]	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.  Removed from <i>Political Writings</i> , Evans, 1837	CS-107
[1839]	[Middletown, N.J.]	[Evans]	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.  Removed from <i>Political Writings</i> , Evans, 1839	CS-108
1841	London	J. Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . v, [6]-48 p.	CS-109
1844	Dedham	Bryant	COMMON SENSE; . . . 39 p.  "Ordered by Congress to be read at the head of her armies . . ."	CS-110

# CHECK LIST 1844-1850

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1844	London	W. Dugdale	COMMON SENSE; . . . [3]-38 p. Also found with other works of Thomas Paine	CS-111
1845	London	J. Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . v, [2], 8-48 p.	CS-112
1847	New York	G. Vale	COMMON SENSE; . . . "Ordered by Congress to be read at the head of her armies . . ."	CS-113
1847	New York	J. Uhl	[COMMON SENSE] [German translation] <i>Gesunde Menschenverstand</i> . . . [321]-368 p. Removed from <i>Die Väter unserer Re- publik</i> , by Herman Kriege	CS-114
1850	London	J. Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . v, [1], [7]-48 p.	CS-115
1850	New York	G. Vale	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition] [1]-48 p., [1]-10 p., [American] Crisis for 1776 General title on brown-paper wrappers, New York, Beacon Office . . . 1850	CS-116

# CHECK LIST 1850-1856

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1850	New York	G. Vale	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition] [1]-48 p., includes <i>Appendix</i>  Separate from CS-116	CS-117
[c.1850]	Boston	J. P. Mendum	COMMON SENSE; . . . [New Edition] [1]-48 p.  With new imprint, otherwise same as G. Vale edition, CS-117	CS-118
1854	London	J. Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . v, [2], 8-48 p.  Follows 1845 Watson edition (CS-112) without alteration	CS-119
1854	Phila.	E. Haskell	COMMON SENSE; . . . [2], 15-64 p.	CS-120
1856	Boston	J. P. Mendum	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [iii]-xvi, [19]- 64 p.  Includes Brief Sketch of Thomas Paine Has portrait as frontispiece Also found bound with <i>Rights of Man</i>  Acknowledged to have followed Charlestown, 1824 edition, CS-96	CS-121



# CHECK LIST 1856-1875

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1856	London	J. Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . v, [1], [7]-48 p.	CS-122
[1859]	[Boston]	[J. P. Mendum]	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.  Removed from <i>Political Writings</i> , Mendum, 1859	CS-123
[1860]	[Boston]	[J. P. Mendum]	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.  Removed from <i>Political Writings</i> , Mendum, 1860	CS-124
1860	[?]	D. Thomas	COMMON SENSE; . . .	CS-125
1862	New York	C. Blanchard	COMMON SENSE; . . . Cover title, [v]-vi, [7]-52 p. Above title, "Price, 10 cents"	CS-126
[1870]	[Boston]	[J. P. Mendum]	COMMON SENSE; . . . 1 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.  Removed from <i>Political Writings</i> , Mendum, 1870	CS-127
1875	London	Reformers' Library	COMMON SENSE; . . .	CS-128

# CHECK LIST 1876-1891

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1876	Boston	J. P. Mendum	COMMON SENSE; . . . 2 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.	CS-129
1877	New York	D. M. Bennett	COMMON SENSE; . . . 52 p.	CS-130
1878	Boston	J. P. Mendum	COMMON SENSE; . . . 2 p.l., [xvii]-xviii, [19]-64 p.	CS-131
[1880]	New York	M. J. Ivers	COMMON SENSE; . . . 32 p.	CS-132
1883	New York	Truthseeker	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-x, [1]-66 p. [?]	CS-133
1884	London	Freethought Publ. Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . 46 p.	CS-134
1884	New York	Truthseeker	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-x, [1]-66 p. [?]	CS-135
1891	New York	Eckler	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-x, [1]-66 p.	CS-136

When found bound in *The Political Works of Thomas Paine* there is added an illustration preceding the title page with the inscription "Common Sense—The War for Freedom"

# CHECK LIST 1894-1928

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
[1894]	New York and London	Putnam	COMMON SENSE; . . . 3 p.l., 67-120; 168-380 p., <i>American Crisis</i>	CS-137
1896	New York	Eckler	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-x, [1]-66 p. [?]	CS-138
[c.1912]	New York	Eckler	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-xii, 66 p. [?]	CS-139
1912	London	Putnam	COMMON SENSE; . . . 3 p.l., 67-120 p. [?]	CS-140
1914	New York	Eckler	COMMON SENSE; . . . xii, 66 p. Library of Liberal Classics	CS-141
1918	New York	Eckler	COMMON SENSE; . . . xii, 66 p.	CS-142
1922	New York	Eckler	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-x, [1]-66 p. (Absorbed by Truthseeker who sold this reprint later)	CS-143
1928	London	Freethought Publ. Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . 46 p.	CS-144



# CHECK LIST 1928-1942

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1928	New York	Rimington & Hooper	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-xxv, 1 p., [1]-129, 1 p.  Limited edition of 376 copies With portrait frontispiece Preface by William M. Van der Weyde	CS-145
[1941]	New York	Dramatists' Play Service	COMMON SENSE; . . . 28 p. within tan-paper covers  Play in one act by Ridgely Torrence	CS-146
1942	New York	Willey Book Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-viii, [1]-67 p.  Thickness of total leaves, .5 cm. In dark green cloth, with red and blue dust wrappers Gold lettering on spine	CS-147
"	"	"	COMMON SENSE; . . . Same except with black lettering on spine, light green cloth	CS-148
1942	New York	Willey Book Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-viii, [1]-67 p.  Thickness of total leaves, 1 cm. In light green cloth with red and blue dust wrappers Gold lettering on spine  (Still in print and being published by Ottenheimer of Baltimore.)	CS-149

# CHECK LIST: UNDATED

YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
1942	Toronto	Mc Leod	COMMON SENSE; . . .	CS-150
1953	New York	Liberal Arts Press, Inc.	COMMON SENSE; . . . 3 p.l., vii-liii, 1 p., [1]-52 p.  American Heritage Series No. 5 Nelson F. Adkins, editor Found bound with <i>American Crisis</i> , <i>Rights of Man</i> , and <i>Dissertation on</i> <i>First Principles of Government</i>	CS-151

## Undated Editions

n.d.	Andover	S. Phillips, Jr.	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-17	
n.d.	Baltimore	Phoenix Publ. Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . 60 p.	CS-152
n.d.	Boston	J. P. Mendum	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-118, CS-123, CS-124, CS-127	
n.d.	Charlestown, Mass.	Davidson	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-96	
n.d.	Chicago	Roehr	COMMON SENSE; . . . <i>Essay on Dreams, The Religion of</i> <i>Deism</i> , [On gray-paper wrappers] [1]-32 p. within gray-paper wrappers	CS-153

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YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
			Also contains <i>Tower of Babel</i> , Paine's Letter, Paris, May 13, 1797, and Letter to Samuel Adams dated January 1, 1803. The People's Popular Library No. 2	
n.d.	Hartford	Eben Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-22	
n.d.	Lancaster	F. Bailey	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-23	
n.d.	London	Austin & Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-104	
n.d.	London	J. Cleave	COMMON SENSE; . . .	CS-154
n.d.	London	Freethought Publ. Co.	COMMON SENSE; . . . 46 p. [?]	CS-155
n.d.	London	Sherwin	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-87	
n.d.	London	J. Watson	COMMON SENSE; . . . v, [6]—48 p.	CS-156
n.d.	Manchester	G. Walton	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-105	

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YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
n.d.	Middletown	Evans	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-107, CS-108	
n.d.	New London	Green	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-50	
n.d.	New York	Anderson, J.	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-40, CS-41	
n.d.	New York	Dramatists' Play Service	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-146	
n.d.	New York	Eckler	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-139	
n.d.	New York	Evans	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-106	
n.d.	New York	Ivers	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-132	
n.d.	New York	King	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-97	
n.d.	New York and London	Putnam	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-137	



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YEAR	CITY	PUBLISHER OR PRINTER	COLLATION AND NOTES	CHECK LIST NO.
n.d.	[New York]	[Truth Seeker]	COMMON SENSE. . . . [iii]-52	CS-157
n.d.	New York	Wiley	COMMON SENSE; . . . [i]-viii, [1]-67 p. [?]	CS-158*
n.d.	Newburyport	J. Mycall	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-42	
n.d.	Norwich	Spooner	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-50	
n.d.	Paris	Gueffier & Regnier	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-81	
n.d.	Phila.	W. & T. Bradford	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-10, CS-11, CS-12, CS-13	
n.d.	Providence	John Carter	COMMON SENSE; . . . See CS-52	

\*Numbers CS-159 to CS-199 are reserved for future editions.

N.B. Less important titles toward the end of the Check List and in Part II have been styled and their paginations simplified.

## II.

# RELATING TO *COMMON SENSE*

[Adams, John]

CS-200

Thoughts on Government: Applicable to the Present State of the American Colonies. In a Letter from a Gentleman to his Friend. Philadelphia: Printed by John Dunlap. M,DCC,LXXVI.

28 p.

(Although neither Paine nor *Common Sense* is mentioned by name, this pamphlet was written expressly to counteract the plan of government proposed in *Common Sense*, and Adams so told Paine.)

Adams, John

CS-201

Same

Philadelphia, Printed: Boston: Re-printed by John Gill, in Queen-Street M,DCC,LXXVI.

16 p.

Adams, John

CS-202

Same, Abridged

Boston: 1788

*Additions to Common Sense*; Addressed to the Inhabitants of America.

CS-203

Philadelphia, Printed: London, Re-Printed for J. Almon . . . 1776.

2 p.l., [5]—47, [1] p. [adv.]

CHECK LIST: RELATED WORKS

Contents: (None by Paine)

American Independancy defended. [Signed] Candidus

Ancient Testimony and Principles of the People Called Quakers. [Signed]  
John Pemberton, Clerk

The Propriety of Independancy. [Signed] Demophilus

A Review of the American Contest. [Signed] A Friend to posterity and man-  
kind

Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth. [Signed] An English American

Observations on Lord North's Conciliatory Plan. [Signed] Sincerus

On Sending Commissioners to treat with the Congress. [Signed] Cassandra  
Questions and Answers

Case in Point

Proposals for a Confederation of the Colonies

American Congress on the Rights of Englishmen. See CS-207, To the Inhabitants of  
Quebec

Boinvilliers, Jean-Etienne—Judith Forestier

CS-204

L'Esprit du Contrat Social, suivi de l'esprit du sens commun, de Thomas Paine,  
présenté à la Convention par le Citoyen Boinvilliers.

Paris, Cailleau, an II [1793-94]

63 p.

[Braxton, Carter]

CS-205

An Address to the Convention of the Colony and Ancient Dominion of Virginia;  
on the Subject of Government in general, and recommending a particular Form  
to their Consideration. By a Native of that Colony.

Philadelphia: Printed by John Dunlap, in Market-Street. M,DCC,LXXVI.

25 p.

(A reply to the popular features in government proposed by John Adams in his  
pamphlet, CS-200, CS-201, CS-202.)

Cato's Letter (being his second) to the People of Pennsylvania. See CS-207, Chalmers,  
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[Chalmers, James]

CS-206a

Additions to Plain Truth; Addressed to the Inhabitants of America, containing, further Remarks on a late Pamphlet, entitled Common Sense: . . .

Written by the Author of Plain Truth. . . . Philadelphia: Printed, and Sold, by R. Bell, . . . MDCCLXXVI.

4 p.l., [97]–136 p.

The first 3 p.l. contain: Extract, from the Journal . . . American Continental Congress . . . To the Inhabitants of the Province of Quebec, with a running heading of The American Congress on the Rights of Englishmen

The recto of the 4th p.l. is the title page

[first edition, variant a]:

Page 101, last line before the footnote begins “na,”

Page 109, last line of the footnote reads “barism.”

Page 116, last line of the first paragraph begins “acre,”

Advertised *Pennsylvania Evening Post* April 11, 1776, Price 1 Shilling

[Chalmers, James]

CS-206b

Same

[first edition, variant b]:

Same as CS-206a except:

Page 109, last line of the footnote reads “barism.” HISTORY OF CIVIL SOCIETY.

[Chalmers, James]

CS-206c

Same

4 p.l., [97]–135 p.

[second edition]:

Page 101, last line before the footnote begins “nah,”

Page 109, “HISTORY OF CIVIL SOCIETY” appears below line 11 of the footnote

Page 116, last line of the first paragraph begins “ling”

Page 135 is a cancel leaf

Page [136] is blank

Blue paper used for pages [97]–120 and for an explanation slip concerning its use pasted on the verso of the title page



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*Note G: The first page of the text of Additions to Plain Truth is page [97], which is a continuation of the pagination of the second edition of Plain Truth, which ends on page 96. This pagination was to facilitate the binding together of both these pamphlets, in which form they are frequently found. There are mixed copies of both; see Thomas R. Adams, "The Authorship and Printing of 'Plain Truth' . . . , " The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America, 49 (1955), 230-48.*

[Chalmers, James]

CS-207

Plain Truth; Addressed to the Inhabitants of America, Containing, Remarks on a late Pamphlet, entitled Common Sense: . . . Written by Candidus [pseud.]. . . Philadelphia: Printed, and Sold, by R. Bell, . . . MDCCLXXVI.

4 p.l., [1]-84 p., 1 l. Bell's advertisements

Includes: The Printer to the Public: On the Freedom of the Press; Extract from Monsieur De Lolme's . . . , and an advertisement for Common Sense . . . Complete (CS-9); following Plain Truth, Rationalis; Extract from the second Letter to the People of Pennsylvania; . . . Cato

[first edition]

Line 9 of the title page ends in some copies with a period

Line 17 of the title page reads "obtained by Reconciliation with that Kingdom."

Line 19 of the title page begins "Will ye turn from flattery, . . ."

Verso of the 4th p.l. has a Memorandum consisting of 11 lines

Advertised *Pennsylvania Gazette* March 13, 1776, Price 3 Shillings

[Chalmers, James]

CS-208a

Same

[second edition, variant a] Cato's Letter (being his Second) to the People of Pennsylvania is complete

Irregular paging as follows: 4 p.l., [9]-64, 57-64 [i.e., 65-72], 73-96

Line 17 of the title page reads "obtained by Reconciliation with that Kingdom."

Line 19 of the title page consists of an inserted line containing a quotation in Latin from Horace

Verso of the 4th p.l. is blank

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- [Chalmers, James] CS-208b  
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 [second edition, variant b] Cato's Letter (being his Second) to the People of Pennsylvania is complete  
 Irregular paging as follows: 4 p.l., [9]–64, 57–64 [i.e., 65–72], 73–96  
 Line 17 of the title page reads "obtained, by HONORABLE CONNEC-  
 TIONS,"  
 Line 19 of the title page reads "Written by CANDIDUS."  
 Verso of the 4th p.l. has a Memorandum consisting of 23 lines, including price "THREE SHILLINGS"
- [Chalmers, James] CS-208c  
 Same  
 THE SECOND EDITION [variant c] Cato's Letter (being his Second) to the People of Pennsylvania is complete  
 Irregular paging as follows: 4 p.l., [9]–64, 57–64 [i.e., 65–72], 73–96  
 Line 17 of the title page reads "obtained, by HONORABLE CONNEC-  
 TIONS,"  
 Line 19 of the title page reads "Written by CANDIDUS."  
 Line 20 of the title page reads "THE SECOND EDITION"  
 Verso of the 4th p.l. has a Memorandum consisting of 22 lines, including price "TWO SHILLINGS"  
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- [Chalmers, James] CS-209  
 Same, Dublin, M. Mills, M,DCC,LXXVI  
 2 p.l., [1]–44 p.
- [Chalmers, James] CS-210  
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- [Chalmers, James] CS-212  
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- Civil Prudence . . . A Discourse [Anonymous], CS-213  
 Norwich, J. Spooner, 1776  
 [i]—vi, [7]—55 p.  
 Four-page dedication to the most excellent Patriot, Common Sense, Defender  
 of the national Rights and Liberties of Mankind.  
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- Common Sense (Title used by a publication) published by Freethinkers of America, CS-214  
 New York  
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- Common Sense. (Title used by a publication) published in London, by A. Poplett, CS-215  
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- Deceiver Unmasked, The. By a Loyal American. New York, S. Loudon, MDCCLXXVI CS-216  
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- Dialogue between the Ghost of General Montgomery . . . R. Bell, [Phila.] CS-217  
 MDCCLXXVI  
 1 p.l., [5]—16 p.  
 A part of CS-9
- Dialogue . . . CS-218  
 Same, New York, Privately reprinted, 1865  
 3 p.l., [5]—16 p.  
 Found in quarto and octavo editions

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- Friends, Society of CS-219  
 The Ancient Testimony and Principles of the People Called Quakers, . . . [Signed,  
 John Pemberton, clerk].  
 [Philadelphia: 1776], 4 p.  
 To this leaflet Paine replied in his new edition of *Common Sense*. See CS-10
- [Inglis, Charles] CS-220  
 True Interest of America Impartially Stated in Certain Strictures on a Pamphlet  
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 Philadelphia, J. Humphreys, Jr., MDCCLXXVI  
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 Same, Second Edition, Philadelphia, J. Humphreys, Jr., MDCCLXXVI  
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- Large Additions to Common Sense. See CS-5 et seq.
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- Reason, in Answer to a Pamphlet . . . Common Sense. Dublin, J. Hoey, 1776 CS-222  
 2 p.*l.*, 28 p.
- Remarks on a Late Pamphlet Entitled Plain Truth. By Rusticus [pseud.] CS-223  
 Philadelphia, Dunlap, MDCCLXXVI  
 31 p.
- [Saur, Christopher] CS-224  
 Zuschrift an die Teutschen in Pennsylvanien, und benachbarten Provinzen,  
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 16 p.  
 At bottom of page 16: "Newyork, den 14ten April, 1780."  
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Second Edition, corrected and enlarged  
Dublin, Alex Stuart, MDCCLXXVII  
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Smith, William  
Cato's letter (being his Second) to the People of Pennsylvania  
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To the Inhabitants of the Province of Quebec  
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six unnumbered pages (R. Bell, Philadelphia, 1776)  
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True Merits of a Late Treatise, Printed in America, Intituled Common Sense, Clearly 'pointed out. Addressed to the Inhabitants of America. CS-227  
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